

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
WEDNESDAY EVE LENTEN SERVICE APRIL 3, 1974
REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
CHRIS CAMPBELL, GREG BOSKO - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "INVOCATION" MARTIN
"CONSECRATION" RAND

SILENT MEDITATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 461 "SAVIOUR, LIKE A SHEPHERD
LEAD US"

*INVOCATION - CHORAL AMEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON: MATTHEW 26: 36-46

*GLORIA PATRI

*EVENING PRAYERS AND CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "COMPLINE" O'DONNELL

HYMN No. 476 "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

SERMON: "HIS ACCEPTANCE"

SERMON PRAYER

*HYMN No. 470 "SAVIOUR, THY DYING LOVE"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "RECESSIONAL" SHEPPHERD

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----
THE COUNCIL WILL MEET FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON PALM SUNDAY.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS WILL BE FOLLOWING THE
MAUNDY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION - IN THE UNDERCROFT.

RICHARD ANDREWS - 371

Jesus's Acceptance

Text: Matthew 26; 42

"YOUR WILL BE DONE" WAS WHAT JESUS SAID

The acceptance of what was to befall Him, is what separates Jesus from mere humans. We can read in the paper on almost any given day of cases where someone who has been convicted of a crime is appealing for a new trial. Even people who have been caught in the perpetration of a crime, or caught as we usually say, red handed, plead not guilty to the charge. The human reaction to anything that threatens our life, our existence, or our accustomed way of living is to fight it with all the forces at our disposal. This is in direct contrast to the reaction of Jesus.

We are told in our Scripture that Jesus went to the garden called Gethsemane. There were no gardens of any size in Jerusalem, because it was a city built on a hill and every inch that could be used for building purposes was used. The wealthy citizens had their private gardens on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. The word Gethsemane means, an olive vat or an olive press. There isn't much doubt that this was indeed a garden with olive trees in it. To be able to go to a garden such as this would require that the owner would have to give permission to do so. Remember ~~that~~ this was a private garden and not for the use of the public. This would have meant that Jesus was a friend of the owner. It is truly an amazing thing that the friends of Jesus are nameless in the Gospels. The only one who is named is Joseph of Arimathea. But there was the man who gave Jesus the donkey on which He rode on Palm Sunday. Then there was the man who loaned Him the upper room to eat the Last Supper. And finally the man who loaned Him the use of the garden.

There are certain things that we can see when we ponder the praying in the garden by Jesus. We first witness the agony of Jesus. He was very sure at this time that His death was imminent. The burden of knowing this must have hung like a weight around His neck. No one wants to die at the tender age of 33. Here is where the struggle for Jesus really began in earnest. He

had to submit His will to that of God's will, or else turn His back on God's will and let God's plan be frustrated. Here we see the lesson that all of us learn at one time or another in our lives. And that is the lesson of learning how to accept what we cannot understand. Jesus had to learn this lesson too. All He knew was that the will of God was calling Him to go on. He knew that death awaited Him in the near future, and He knew that as He stood in that garden ~~that~~ He had to make a choice between doing the will of God, or refusing to do the will of God. The pressure on Him must have ^{been} tremendous at this moment. The temptation to run, to get away from it would almost be overpowering. A Christian Theologian of Africa named Tertullian who lived around 150 years after the life of Jesus, tells of a saying that is attributed to Jesus, but is not found in any of the Gospels yet has been handed down to this day. Quote "No one who has not been tempted can enter the kingdom of Heaven." This is to say that each man has his own private Gethsemane. Each man comes to the place where he either must accept or refuse what to him is the will of God. And this is where each man has to learn to say, "^{Yes} ~~any~~ will be done."

IN MATTHEW & MARK

Then here we see the loneliness of Jesus. He took His three chosen disciples with Him. But they were so exhausted that they slept and Jesus may as well have been alone for all the comfort they were to Him. But even had they remained awake and alert, the battle had to be fought by Jesus alone. No one but Him could reach the decision that must be reached. No one but He was able to decide which way to go. Each man at some time in his life knows the loneliness of facing decisions that must be made, and can only be made by him. But we have the comfort of knowing that Jesus went through this and this should give us the strength we need to go on.

Then we see the trust of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark tells this story very much like Matthew, and well it should because Matthew used Mark's Gospel as his reference book. But there is one little difference between Matthew and Mark and that is the word Abba, is placed at the beginning of Jesus's prayer. He prayed Abba Father. There is a certain loveliness to this word that

is unknown to most people. The word Abba was used by young children as an endearing term to their fathers. sort of like daddy, only with a more loving meaning about it. Jesus prayed to God as a child, in complete trust, ^{STORY BUT NOT} "Not as ~~WHAT I WANT, BUT WHAT YOU WANT~~" ~~I would have it, but as you will have it.~~ This would take complete trust and love in God for Him to do this. But do it He did and His trust and love endured with Him until His death on that cross.

The example that Jesus set for us is indeed a difficult one
to follow. There are different ways in which the acceptance of what life brings
is handled by different people. Some people very graciously accept what life
has to offer and grin and bear it. Others complain their way through life ac-
cepting what comes to them grudgingly. The thing that determines how well we
can accept the problems of life is how well do we accept disappointments?
Suppose for instance we had planned a trip somewhere and because of illness we
had to call it off. Would we curse and swear and bemoan the fact that life
^{OR WOULD WE SAY THAT COOKIE CRUMBED}
was unfair and we were being pushed around etc. There is a bit of philo-sophy
mother has used for years ~~and I have sort of adopted it as my own also.~~
This is the way of accepting disappointments with the consolation that what
we wanted or desired was ^{IT WAS NOT} not to be. That God did not mean for us to have it
in the first place. ~~XXX~~
~~XXX~~ For ME & FAMILY
~~XXX~~
^{IT WORKS} This philosophy has worked very well, in
fact ^{WE} to the extent that ^{OUR} generally find out later that ~~my~~ wants or desires
^{OUR} would not be in the best interest ~~of my self or my family.~~
How we accept what life brings our way, very often is a determining factor ^{PEOPLE} of what kind of ~~a person~~
we are. Here is where many people come into conflict with society as well as
the law. Because of the fact that some of these people are living in condition-
which are below that of others ^{FEEL THEY} they must rebel against it. We have seen this
^{IN OUR COUNTRY FOR PAST FEW YEARS}
happen the past two summers and we are told that we will see it happen this
~~summer so well.~~ Now I am not saying that these people have no right to ex-
press their disapproval of their plight, but I am saying that they have no
right to destroy what belongs to other people simply because they cannot accept

what life has brought to them. We each have things in our lives that we would gladly change if we could. But because there are people in the world who can live a lot better than some other people, does not mean that we should all riot to get this for ourselves without working for it. Yet this is the philosophy of some people in our society today. Here again we find that we must learn to accept many things which we do not understand. We never know what opportunity to serve may be ours because of the way we accept the events that come to us. Any event may bring us agony, loneliness, or a sense of inability to cope with life. But we can overcome all of these things just as Jesus did if we put our trust in our Father.

God does not afflict us with more than we can possibly bear. Although there may be times ^{WHEN WE} ~~that~~ are not so sure of this. It is human nature to doubt, to have misgivings, and to worry. But we can turn our doubts and worries into peace and comfort by trusting in God. Jesus gave us the example of complete trust in God. The trust that Jesus showed during His time of suffering was like that of a little child. But He showed His love for His Father by taking Him at His word and submitting to His will. Our love and our trust should parallel the love and trust of Jesus. If He was able to submit to the will of His Father, under the very extreme circumstances that He had to face, then there is no reason why we can't do likewise in the very mild circumstances we face. God loves us. We are each one of His children. As a Father, we should be able to come to Him and talk to Him through prayer, and then be willing to do His will as He reveals it to us in our lives. As followers of Jesus, let us each try to follow His example and try to live our lives each day, striving to do the will of our Father. Let us pray.

"His Acceptance!"

Text: Matthew 26:42b,

My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done."

At the foot of the Mt. of Olives is an enclosed spot that is called Gethsemane. There are presently eight olive trees there, and it is believed that these remaining eight trees were there when Jesus came and prayed in this garden. We are told that beggars line the road around this place, but they only bother the visitors upon their return from the garden. The reason being, that the individual who has gone to the garden in which Jesus prayed, and has knelt ~~xxxxperhapsxxxxxxx~~ perhaps on the very spot on which Jesus knelt, is moved very deeply and is more receptive to giving to those who seek help.

This place has become a shrine which ~~xxx~~ is a must to all visitors who strive to retrace the steps of Jesus. Thus beggars and merchants are prone to take advantage of a golden opportunity such as this.

We are also told that at the time of Jesus there were no gardens of any size in Jerusalem, because it was a city built on a hill, and every inch of building space was used to the best advantage. The wealthy citizens ^{private} had gardens on the slopes of the Mt. Of Olives. The word Gethsemane means, "Olive Vat", or "Olive Press." It was believed that in order to have access to a garden on the Mt. Of Olives, a person had to know the owner. Thus it is thought that Jesus was friends with yet another influential person who owned this garden. We have seen in this passion story of Jesus that there have been several instances in which ~~xx~~ unknown persons, and probably persons of wealth supported the ministry of Jesus from behind the scenes. Someone supplied the donkey upon which Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Someone supplied the upper room in which they ate the Last Supper.. Someone must have supplied the garden in which Jesus prayed. The only instance that ~~ix~~ records the silent supporters of Jesus, is the report that Joseph of Arimathea comes

forward to claim the body of Jesus after He is dead.

There are certain things we can see when we look at the acceptance of Jesus. We first see that He had a certain air of confidence in what he was doing. We can say this because in a few verses preceeding what we read as Scripture, we read, "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mt. Of Olives." Now although the singing of this hymn was a part of the Passover Feast and involved the singing of Psalm 115 - 118, just this once Jesus could have requested that it be omitted if he were so troubled that he could not bear to ~~xxxxxx~~ sing before his arrest. But the very nature of the Psalms sung ^{speaks} ~~xxxxxx~~ of a strength that comes from outside of ourselves. Perhaps we have often thought of Jesus going to his cross as a man defeated and beaten. As a man filled with dread and forboding. But he went instead as a man singing - with a heart newly dedicated to God and a spirit filled with a strange joy. Listen to the words of this last Psalm of the hymn they sung, and see if it is not a song that would uplift the soul of any man. (Read Psalm 118).

Thus we see here a note of triumphant acceptance.

But even with this joy in the knowledge of the strength of God, Jesus had intermittant periods of anguish. We can only compare it with the feeble human comparison, of someone who is awaiting the start of an important event or moment in his or her life. Something like an actor or actress awaiting the opening curtain. Or in sports, awaiting the opening kickoff, or the first pitch. All of these moments cause butterflies, and a certain sense of dread and forboding. I am sure that all of us at one time or another have been involved in similar circumstances and have questioned ourselves about it, asking the question, "What am I doing here? How did I ever let myself get talked into this?" But after the beginning takes place, we are able to fulfill our role whatever it may be. Thus it probably was with Jesus, only on a much more greater scale.

Here in this garden the real struggle actually began for Jesus. He knew that all of other events were mere preliminaries leading up to the main event. Now the main event was only moments away as he knelt here in prayer. Here is also where Satan could once again come forth to lead his thoughts and his determination away from doing the will of the Father. Thoughts such as his being too young to die, what purpose was really being served in this sacrifice, why did this have to happen and so on?

His prayer in the garden was, "My Father." By coming to God in this manner he came to him as ~~xxxxx~~ any child would seeking guidance and help from a loving father. But through all of this is the lesson for each of us, and that is accepting what we cannot understand. There has been considerable argument down through the years as to whether Jesus really knew and understood all of the ramifications of the act which he was about to perform. Whether he did or not is really immaterial. What is more important is the fact that we have before us ~~xxxxxxxx~~ a lesson on complete acceptance of what life is setting forth, and a complete ~~xxxxx~~ reliance that God will see us through. This was what Jesus showed most strongly in His acceptance. His attitude ~~xxx~~ as determined by his actions was just about, "Well, I ~~xxxx~~ do not understand all that you are asking of me, but if this is what you want me to do, then I will do it. You have led me and directed me in the past, and I have been blessed by your help, so I'll continue to accept what you give to me, for I know it will turn out for the best."

Many times I talk to people about the problems and concerns of life, and often the question arises, "Why does this have to happen?" Or they will ask, "Why me," or, "Why my family?" All of these questions are legitimate and we do indeed seek for answers. But there are no hard and fast answers. We can only say as Jesus, "What you want me to do I will do, and what you want me to accept I will accept."

Which brings us to our third point and that is the answer of Jesus, "Thy will be done." In the perfect prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples and to us, are to be found the words, "Thy will be done." Here he uses it in his own personal prayer to God, thus showing us that this should always be our prayer. ~~My~~ "Not what I want God, but what You want for me, ~~or~~ whatever it is you want me to do." This should be the example that we follow and pattern our prayers from.

To cry as Jesus, "Let this cup pass from me" is only a natural human cry, and there is nothing wrong with it. But always we must add to it, "Nevertheless, not what I want, but what you want for me." Jesus was able to do this simply because all of his life was lived in this manner. But you see we try to lean upon our own wills and our own ways. Our own will becomes so dear to us, that nothing else seems reasonable, or is so right for us. It is then that God takes a secondary role, and we have become self-sufficient.

But Jesus showed us what true sonship is, by his renunciation of self, and his acceptance of God's will for his life. And his acceptance of God's will for his death is just that much stronger a case for our following in his steps.

In the Gospel of John he said, "My meat is to do the will of him who sent me." Running through all of the life of Jesus and in particular his last week of his life, is the thread of placing his life in the hands of God and seeking to follow what God had ~~desired~~ willed for him to do.

Our love and our trust of the Father should parallel that of Jesus. Like a little child he accepted God at his word, and did His Father's will. Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote in his poem "Memoriam," "Our wills are ours, to make them thine." This is how Jesus accepted his life, and his death. This is the acceptance that God also demands of us. Let us each strive to accept God at His word and to know that He will be with us as Jesus promised in the Gospel, "Lo I am with you always ~~unto~~ even unto the end of the world."

"Tragedy To Triumph!"
Act IV Dining Out

Le 22:27-30a

"For which is the greater, one who sits at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have continued with me in my trials; as my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

"When do we eat?" popular phrase around Link home familiar ring to many here prob.

Well known to disciples

feeding of 4000, & 5000 dis. not only concerned how crowd fed, but concerned personal hunger.

But act 4, not only meal but, ^{ENTERTAINING A GUEST} ~~chance~~ fellowship
Perhaps dis looked enviously times could be alone Js pleasure to be guarded zealously
almost always surrounded by people seeking help
can draw this conclus, we read several instances
dis tried discourage peop sot Js aid

On this occasion preced "east of Pass, came & asked,

"Where will we prepare this meal with you?"

surprisingly Js answers go Jerus,

look man carry water jug.

when spot, follow

1st sounds rather absurd, look man carry water jar.

actually rather unique,

those days pre-womens libe, women carry all water j

rare site see man carry jar

simple task then look man carry jar

Then say to householder, "Where is the guest room
the teacher says to you

where I am to eat the Pass with my dis.?"

pre-arranged plan.

prob hidden friend Js

hidden because risk with authorities,

helped quiet, unobtrusively

such case man owned house

pre-arrangement - man send serv carry water given day

J disc look for him, prob cert spot,

they follow, ask master where eat,

password, "Teacher wants to know?"

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SILENT PRAYER
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 176 "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"
*SCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU,
*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATION STANDING

THE PALMS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN MEMORY OF

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN
REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER, CHARLES PENAR.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: SHARON STAUFFER,
LAUREL STAUFFER AND DEBBIE McBRIDE.

BY CONFIRMATION: STEVE BASEHORE GEORGE MARBURG
CHRIS CAMPBELL DENNIS MASTER

LETTER OF TRANSFER: PAUL HOLT
REV. RALPH C. LINK ROBERT K. SY

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LLOYD LINK
PAUL W. PFAGE

WITH:
LARRY R. FALKNER

LAF

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE.
PREPARATORY SERVICE "H

THURS. - 7:30 - HOLY COMMUNION ON (PEWS)
MRS. MARILYN STEPHENSON WILL PLAY THE

to read text (read it)

Looked an greek double check.

This verse has original gr, The Son

Just this, if A Son of God, then Js not unique.

unique, but ordinary From the earth
to ask is "And I when I am lifted up, will draw

... can tell this signify how he die

perhaps now see why Leuten series chronological order.

These came this morn, think hear story

Conf. * ch member, not nice little ritual go thru public display, or please parents

It accept Js v'd save his life me a sinner
Not only accept what he did, & thus save

It mean speech different, life changed, now live new
life. All things now become new. old passed away.

If have been content sit comfortable news Sun after
Sun, neglected tell others our faith, believ.

Act 6 another bill

"And when the centurion, who stood by facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was the Son of God.'"

version is like this.

continues wild suspense intrigue & big scene upon
 it & by no means death penalty

I'm read as hit,

this only way can approach it.

Let us look at scene on yet ANOTHER HILL.

at left, wearing, this make execution easier

It is no tell, but state dark from 6th 9th hr,
this morning.

this 4-9 had come from.

dark feet need certain torn 2, top-bottom

Signif this, ourt hide holy of holies
 a can we strate veil except priest lay itment

Spirit and dwell behind curt

God separated people by curt, no man knew what like

but death is way opened led,
 trail's covered in her. How dark, how deep, how

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Or worse yet if have not come except since yr, we
guilty betray Js as surely Judas Iscariot.

Our task Xpian, live, give, share.

Means we live as Xpian, try be Xpian all things.

Means give what can, what able give.

Means give possess to God according how blessed,

Blessed much, give much, blessed little, give lit.

But if have much, give little, again turn back God &
subject damnation.

Be a Xpian means give of selves with talents to share
them with others.

Must share our love, our concern, our talents & above
all, must share Jesus Christ.

This asking too much?

Of course it isn't.

We each have much we can live, and give, and share.

(Illustration policeman in Indiana)

Here examp ordinary men involved bizarre circum,
yet he able serve Lord.

Can we common people do any less.

I have seen these ya peon accept Xp today.

Have seen these adults reprofess their faith,

Now up U & I to join with them in spreading Gospel
of Xp.

U & I should show them by our examp.

Are we up to task, or was merely another formality.

Would each do well adopt last verse closing hymn,

Miss Elizabeth Clephane wrote,

"I take O cross thy shadow, for my abiding place,
I seek no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross."

May we each re-examine our hearts, our lives, and our
conscience, & perhaps after doing so we will find we
need to re-profess & re-accept Jesus Christ in order
to set our lives aright.

If any unsure or uncertain where stand in relation to
Christ, be glad talk you about it.

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...the crucifixion began, ...

...the crucifixion began, ...

...the crucifixion began, ...

...the crucifixion began, ...

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FOR INSTANCE
A ON THE DEFINITE ARTICLE
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" is Devotion!"

Scripture: John 6:22-40
Text: John 6:38,39,

"I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day."

When think qualities Js that stand out, can't help think His Devotion word devotion used like many others, convey several things, & have implied in meaning more than one thing.

We speak devoted son or daughter usually meant, loving, obedient, trustworthy, concerned, cares deeply etc. Other words devotion contains many attributes rather than one.

Js son such as this showed devo earthly father, mother, with love, concern, obedience, trustworthiness etc.

showed devo to H. Father complete subj of life to what Father wanted to do.

Also tried show His Devo by pointing them to Father. Other words His Devo real thing - lived, but something tried instill by verbal message al:

leop came Js after feed 5M, Js tells bluntly only w ted see him, more food, vs 26 not interested him, but what can do

vs 27, tells sealed by God ancient times signet ring of King, ruler, gov. etc, archaeology & rings. soft clay, signet, hardened unbroken official.

vs 28 question?

vs 29 answer, believe in whom sent.

Ask for sign, peop sceptical, perhaps no more than today.

wanted tangible evidence, something concrete told of manna & how this evidence of God to forefathers.

Js tell He evidence, no further proof needed. He bread sent by God, & life sustained this bread

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PREPARATORY SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE: "Lenten Meditation" PEERY
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 219 "SAVIOUR, WHEN IN DUST TO THEE"
*INVOCATION, PAGES 14-20 IN HYMNAL
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
*THE LITANY
SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 6:22-40
*OFFERTORY "BEFORE THE CROSS" OVERHOLT
HYMN No. 214 "JUST AS I AM"
ORGAN MEDITATION
SERMON: "HIS DEVOTION"
EXHORTATION, PAGE 18
CONFESSION OF SIN
CONFESSIONAL QUESTIONS AND ASSURANCES
*HYMN OF DEDICATION 464 "DWELL IN ME, O BLESSED SPIRIT"
*BENEDICTION AND TRIPLE AMEN
*POSTLUDE "RECESSIONAL IN B FLAT" OTIS
*CONGREGATION STANDING
II SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (PEW) WILL BE CELEBRATED TOMORROW EVENING AT 7:30 P.M.
RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW IN THE UNDERCROFT - THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED FOR A FELLOWSHIP HOUR.
A GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST FOR YOUTH WILL BE HELD FROM 8-10 AT LUTHER HALL ON MCKEAN STREET NEXT TO LIBRARY.

OUR SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FROM 7-9 P.M. ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DESIRE TO MEDITATE AND PRAY.

DR. H. S. S. ST. ANDREW'S

FOR THE VISITORS

FIDELITY ALL ALLELUIA

vs 38 spells out plainly

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He telling he complete devo cause of Father
nothing can sway, deter from task
He willing place self hands of God
own will not considered any way, shape, form.

Here complete subjection will of Father
Difficult we understand this complete devo
never been another walk face earth devoted so
completely Js.

Can cite exams men, women devoted one special cause
but no one devoted completely, life surrendered
all faculties, all possess, all ambitions, all
desires, all everything serving cause as Js.

Think what take do this.
This require complete subjection all thots, all
ambitions, all desires, all very things life,
all wrapped up 1 cause.
Our minds cannot fathom this meaning

We come last Wed. Holy Week, prepare selves Lord's
Supper, tomorrow nite
We in sense prepare selves & lives, in new perspect
We strive say, "I sinner, sinned many sins past,
now try devo all thots, all life, all desires,
all ambitions, all of life to worthily prepare
partake Lord's Supper, of Body & Blood.

We looking our devo & comparing to His Devotion.
When make comparison cannot we see Ours & His
far, far apart?
Can we not feel as Jon the Bap, ~~xxx~~ we standing
in presence of one whose shoes unworthy to lace?

Do not give sense shame & guilt, that one loved
us so much before ever born, he willing die for us?

This was His Devotion,
A devotion never be ours
but a devo God asks us have in us whatever measure
can possibly have.

Let us ask God's guidance, blessing in our lives
to have devo more ~~xxx~~ deeper, much stronger, than
it ever been.

Ask more on par with His Devotion, the Devo of
our Lord, Saviour Jesus Christ.

"His Devotion!"

Scripture: John 6:22-40

Text: John 6:38,39,

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day."

When we think of the qualities that stand out in the life of Jesus we cannot help but be reminded of "His Devotion." The word devotion is so often used like many other words, to convey several things, and to have implied in its meaning, more than one meaning.

For instance we speak of a devoted son or daughter. What is usually meant by this is a person who is loving, is trustworthy, who is concerned, who cares very deeply about the parent and so on. In other words the one word devotion, contains many other attributes, rather than just one.

Jesus was a Son such as this. He showed His Devotion to His earthly father and mother by his love, his concern, his trustworthiness and by all of the other things that this devotion entailed. But he also showed His Devotion to His Father by completely subjecting His life to what the Father had for Him to do. Along with this He tried to show His Devotion, ~~by~~ to others by pointing them to the Father. In other words His Devotion was not only a real thing He lived, but it was something that He tried to instill in others by His verbal message. Let us look at this in the portion of Scripture we read this evening.

The people came to Jesus after the feeding of the 5000 and Jesus tells them very bluntly they came not because they wanted to see Him, but because they had seen a miracle performed with food. In other words they would gladly hang around until it was time to eat, in order to be fed in a like manner. They were not interested in Him so much, as they were in what He could do for them.

He told them He was ~~xxxx~~ sealed by God. By this He meant that God had placed His stamp upon Him. In ancient times, Kings, Governors, rulers, anyone who was an official in a certain way, had signet rings. With these

rings they would place a seal upon a document. It was done in this manner, the ~~xxxxxx~~ document was usually in ~~xxxxxx~~ the form of a scroll, and it was rolled up. Soft clay was placed at the edges to keep it closed. The signet ring of the king or ruler, was impressed into the soft clay, and thereby the seal of that official was placed for the receiver to see. This scroll then was set aside ~~xxxxxx~~ for the clay to harden, and when it was delivered, everyone could determine whether or not it had been tampered with. If the seal was unbroken, it was an ~~xxx~~ considered an official document.

In a class on Archaeology at Seminary, we went to the Museum in Philadelphia, and saw there the pottery, tools, utensils and things found at different biblical excavation sites. One thing that I found very interesting, was the signet rings from the different kings and rulers of those ancient times. I held in my hand a small clay tablet that was written by the Sumerians over 4000 years ago, and was formed in much this manner.

Then the people asked Jesus what they needed to do to be doing the will of God? vs28.

Jesus answered, vs 29, Believe in him whom he has sent. In other words, they are to begin showing a devotion to God.

They then do as so many before had done, they ask for a sign from Him so they may believe. In ancient times the people were very sceptical. Perhaps no more sceptical than many people today, but always they wanted proof that they might have something concrete, something tangible that they could see with their own eyes and believe it. That told Jesus of the manna that their forefathers ate in the wilderness, and how this was a visible proof of the guidance of God.

But Jesus tells them that they need no further sign than He Himself. That He is the new bread that God has sent from heaven, and they can have life and be sustained from this bread for all eternity.

And here in verse 38 He spells it out as plainly as He ever explained anything else in scripture. He says, "For I have come down from heaven

not to do my ~~will~~ own will, but the will of Him who sent me."

He is telling them that he was completely devoted to the cause of His Father and that nothing was going to sway Him or deter him from this task. He was saying that He was willing to place His life completely in the hands of God, and that His own will was not to be considered in way, shape, or form.

Now here we see the complete subjection of his will to that of His Father. It is difficult to understand this complete devotion. I think I can say that there has never been another person who walked on the face of this earth who was completely devoted to a cause more than Jesus. I am sure we can cite examples of men and women who have been dedicated to a certain goal, or a certain aim, and have sought after that goal or aim with complete devotion to that task. But never, has there lived a man or woman who has completely surrendered all of life to a total devotion of all ~~faculties~~ faculties, all possessions, all ambitions, all desires, all of everything to serving the cause, such as Jesus did.

Just think of what this would take to do this! It would require the complete subjection of all thoughts, all desires, all of the very things that ~~make~~ go into life, all of them wrapped up in one basic cause. Our minds cannot completely fathom what this would mean.

We have come here tonight in this last Wednesday during Holy week, to prepare ourselves to partake of the Lord's Supper tomorrow night. We are in a sense looking at our lives from a new perspective. We are striving to say in effect, "God, I am a sinner, I have sinned many sins in the past, and I am now trying to devote all my thoughts and all of my life, to prepare it to worthily partake of the Supper of the Lord's Body and Blood."

We are looking at our devotion and we are making the comparison between it and His Devotion. But when we make this comparison, can we not see that Our Devotion and His Devotion are far, far apart? Can we not

understand that like John the Baptist we are standing in the presence of one whose very shoes we are unworthy to lace? Does it not give us a sense of shame and guilt that there was one who loved us so much, even before we were ever born that He was willing to die for us? This was His Devotion. A devotion that can never be ours. But a devotion that God asks us to have in us in whatever measure we possibly can have.

Let us ask God's guidance and blessing in our lives to have ~~this~~ a devotion which is much stronger, much deeper ~~than~~ than it has ever been, and a devotion that is more on a par with His Devotion, the devotion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
CHRIS CAMPBELL, GREG BOSKO - ACOLYTES

HOLY COMMUNION - 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "ANDANTE E. MAESTRO" TSCHAIKOWSKI
"CALVARY" RICHOLSON

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 336 "LET ALL MORTAL FLESH
KEEP SILENCE"

*INVOCATION AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 6:41-59

*GLORIA PATRI

*EVENING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE
OFFERING

OFFERTORY "THE SUFFERING SAVIOR" "WILSON
ANTHEM: "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" HASSLER

CHANCEL CHOIR AND MARILYN STEPHENSON ON FLUTE
SERMON: "HIS DETERMINATION"

COMMUNION HYMN No. 341 "HERE, O MY LORD"

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EXHORTATION - CONFESSION - ABSOLUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SERAPHIC HYMN

THE INSTITUTION - CHORAL AMEN

AGNUS DEI

HOLY COMMUNION (PLEASE RETAIN ELEMENTS AND COMMUNE
WITH PASTOR)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - DOXOLOGY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 343 "A PARTING HYMN WE SING"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "RECESSIONAL" VAN WOERT

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

OUR SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FROM 7-9 P.M.
TOMORROW EVENING, GOOD FRIDAY, FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE
TO ENTER, MEDITATE, OR PRAY. THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL
SERVICE.

WE INVITE ALL CHRISTIANS, REGARDLESS OF DENOMIN-
ATION TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH US.

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD SO THAT OUR
CHURCH'S RECORD WILL BE ACCURATE. IF VISITORS DESIRE
TO RECEIVE CREDIT AT THEIR HOME CHURCH, PUT THE NAME
AND ADDRESS OF EITHER YOUR PASTOR OR YOUR CHURCH ON
THE BACK OF THE CARD AND IT WILL BE FORWARDED.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED
THIS COMING EASTER SUNDAY, AT 8:00 A.M. (ALTAR) AND
AT 11:00 A.M. (PEW).

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE RECEPTION FOR
NEW MEMBERS - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE THIS
EVENING IN THE UNDERCROFT. THE CONGREGATION AND
FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS WILL ALSO SERVE AS USHERS.

TOMORROW - GOOD FRIDAY - A BREAKFAST FOR THE
YOUTH - WILL BE FROM 8-10 AT LUTHER HALL, NEXT TO
THE LIBRARY ON MCKEAN ST.

To say we must feed on xp, is ~~not~~ not say we must eat his body & drink his blood means instead, we absorb his teach. take life inside selves **READ BACK OF TONITE BULLETIN**

Wm. Barclay compares to book on shelf

As long as no read it remain outside, when read it become part us, in our minds, our hearts, & no longer outside us.

When Js say, abide in me, & I will abide in you, or eat my flesh and my blood, he saying, feed minds, hearts, souls on me

He telling live lives his words, live, relive his words, actions, deeds until we become drenched, permeated, saturated, filled with him, & life of God

Thus we see from His determin, to not only live as God wants us to live, but we should be completely filled & full of spirit that comes from God.

He saying, if we were to have same determin our lives we could live for God just as He.

Thus we should come Lord's table with strong determin to partake figuratively, metaphorically of body, blood of xp. & have it indwell us, renew us to go forth stronger, more determined disciples of J C

It table we come to, not habit, or remain member good standing,

it table come as sinners need of forgiveness, of sin & renewal of minds in ingestion of bread & wine

to find new strength flowing thru bodies, because we've been in closest contact, Lord & Saviour J C

That we have found Him once again at His table, & we have eaten & drunk in His house.

Thus when hear words of Js, (Text),

we hearing His Determination to share self with us let us show our determination to be numbered among His peop, & to eat His table in new & renewed way tonite.

"His Determination!"

Scrp. sure: John 6:41-59

Text: John 6:51,

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Determination of Js very plainly evidenced portion scrip. read tonite

He expanding upon portion scrip read last nite

Jn points out some Jews in opposition in this crowd they want question Js & statements

1st question He come down from heaven

They argue, "After all, did we not know your father Jos. and your mother Mary? How can u say u come down heaven?"

Js gives statement no comprehend,

we say throw curve to them

He says, (Text)

again they question meaning & purpose

This questioning & arguing not ceased that day to this.

If we read verse as other churches have we can readily see, verse leads to great controversy

And it has done just that

It from verse that belief in transubstantiation has sprung.

Roman Cath. & Luther belief

What means, during consecration of elements, bread actually turns into body of Christ, wine into blood

Ulrich Zwingli disagreed with Luther this point, & broke off to form Reformed church

From vs & secretness of early xpians that pagans believed xpians indulged cannibalism, thus persecute

What Js really saying, spoken metamorphically & not literally

He saying, this secret real discipleship, xpian faith & living

When He say, I vine, he no mean He climbing tree.

We understand he making comparison, metaphor & we accept as such

"His Determination!"

Scripture: John 6:41-59

Text: John 6:51,

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The determination of Jesus is very plainly evidenced in the portion of scripture that we read this evening. What Jesus is really doing is simply expanding upon what he said in the portion of scripture that we read last night. John points out that there are some Jews in opposition in this crowd and they want to question Jesus on his statements.

First they question the validity of his statement that he has come down from heaven. They argue that after all, "did we not know your father Joseph and your mother Mary? How can you say that you have come down from heaven?"

But then Jesus gives them a statement ~~that~~ they cannot comprehend. We would say that he threw them a curve. He says, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." And again they question His meaning and purpose. But this questioning and arguing never has stopped from that day to this. If we read this verse as many others in the church have done we can readily see that this verse could lead to a great controversy. And it has done just that. It is from this verse that the Roman Catholic Church, and the Lutheran Church as founded by Martin Luther, holds the belief that during the ^{consecration} ~~institution~~ of the elements, at some unknown point, the bread and the wine miraculously turn into the real flesh and blood of Christ. Ulrich Zwingli one of the founders of the Reformed church disagreed with Luther on this one point and therefore founded the Reformed church apart from the Lutheran Church.

It was from this verse and from the sedretness of the warly Christian

Church worship service that the pagans believed the Christians indulged in cannibalism, and were thus persecuted.

But what Jesus was saying, was really being spoken metamorphically and not literally. He was really saying that here was the real meaning of ~~the~~ discipleship, and the secret of Christian faith and living. When He said he was the vine, we do not think that he literally is a vine growing up the side of a tree ^{OR A PLANT.} We understand that he was speaking metaphorically, and when he uses one metaphor and we accept it as such, we should accept all metaphors in the same way. To say that we must feed on Christ is ~~not~~ not to mean that we must actually eat his body or drink his blood, but it means to absorb his teachings, to take his life inside ~~ours~~ ours.

William Barclay compares it to a volume sitting on a shelf. Perhaps that volume may be a book by William Shakespeare. As long as the book sits on the shelf unread, it remains outside of us and is therefore external. But when the volume is taken from the shelf and read, and digested so to speak, it becomes a part of us, it is in our minds and on our hearts and is no longer outside of us. When Jesus told us to abide in Him and he would abide in us, or to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he was saying to feed our hearts and our souls and our minds on him. He was telling us to live our lives in his words, and to live and relive his deeds in everything that we do until we become drenched and permeated and ~~then~~ saturated and filled with Him, and the life of God.

Thus we can see from this His Determination to not only live just exactly as His Father wanted Him to live, but to have us completely filled and full of that same spirit that comes from God. He was saying that if ~~WE~~ WE were to have this same determination in our lives, we could live for God just as He.

Thus we ^{should} come to the Lord's table with a strong determination to partake figuratively and metaphorically of the body and blood of Christ,

and to have it renew us and indwell us to go forth as stronger, more determined disciples of Jesus Christ. It is a table that we come to, not thorough habit, or just to remain a member in good standing. But to come as sinners in need of forgiveness, and to find in the ingestion of the bread and wine, the forgiveness of our sins, and the renewal of our minds and our bodies. To find new strength flowing thorough our bodies, because we have been in the closest contact with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. That we have found Him once again at His table, and we have eaten and ~~supper~~ drunk with Him in His house.

Thus when we hear the words of Jesus, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I ~~give~~ shall give for the life of the world is my flesh," we are hearing His Determination to share Himself with us, ~~and~~
~~Let us show our determination to be numbered among His people~~
and to eat at His table in a new and renewed way tonight. Let us pray.

Order of Worship

(Please enter and leave the service only during the ushering intervals or while the congregation is singing the hymns.)

THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS

ORGAN PRELUDE Mr. Daryl C. Kemmerer

12:00—THE CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT The Rev. Stuart H. Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Stuart H. Perrin

INVOCATION Pastor, Saint Andrew's United Presbyterian Church

*HYMN—"Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"

1. 'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone.
2. 'Tis midnight in the garden now, the suffering Saviour prays alone.
3. 'Tis midnight, and from all removed, the Saviour wrestles long with fears.
4. 'Tis midnight, and from heavenly plains is borne the song that angels know.

Unheard by mortals are the strains that sweetly soothe the Saviour's woes. Amen

12:05—THE WORD OF INTERCESSION

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:32-38

SOLO "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

THE MEDITATION The Rev. C. Kenneth Hall

Pastor, The Hill United Presbyterian Church

PRAYER

*HYMN—"Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed"

1. Alas, and did my Saviour bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
2. Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
3. Was it for sins that I have done, He suffered on the tree?
4. Amazing pity, grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
5. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
6. When God the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.
7. Thus might I hide my blushing face, while His dear cross appears,
8. Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
9. But drops of grief can never repay the debt of love I owe,
10. Here, Lord, I give myself away, to all that I can do. Amen

12:30—THE WORD OF SALVATION

"Today shall thou be with me in Paradise."

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:39-43

DUET "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" Graham

Mrs. Penelope Kemmerer and Mrs. Jean McClaren

THE MEDITATION The Rev. Warren A. Bugbee

Pastor, First United Methodist Church

PRAYER

*HYMN—"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
2. I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
3. O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
4. My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
5. O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
6. I in dust life's glory dead, from the ground these blossoms red life that shall endless be. Amen

12:55—THE WORD OF REMEMBRANCE

"Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:25-27

SOLO "Forgive Us" DuFault

Mrs. Ruth Ann Quinlan

THE MEDITATION The Rev. Francis A. Glenn

Pastor, St. Paul's Catholic Church

PRAYER

*HYMN—"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand—
2. The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.
3. A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
4. From the bustling of the multitude beat and the burden of the day.
5. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye a smile can see
6. The very form of One who suffered there for me.
7. And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess—
8. The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
9. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding shade;
10. I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face.
11. Content to lay the world to by, to know no gloom nor loss,
12. My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross. Amen

1:20—THE WORD OF LONELINESS

"My God, My God! Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:33-34

SOLO "He Touched Me" Gaither

Mr. Paul Reed

THE MEDITATION The Rev. Reinhold K. Weber

Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church

PRAYER

*HYMN—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
2. All the light of sacred story gathers round its base sublime.
3. When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive me, and fears annoy,
4. Never shall the cross forsake me, for it shows with peace and joy.
5. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
6. From the cross the radiance streams, adds more lustre to the day.
7. None and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
8. Peace is there that knows no measure, love that through all time abides. Amen

1:45—THE WORD OF SUFFERING

"I thirst"

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:28-29

SOLO "He Never Said A Mumbalin' Word" Traditional

Mrs. Richard May

THE MEDITATION The Rev. Calvin W. Ross

Pastor, Oak Hills Christian Church

PRAYER

*HYMN—"Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
2. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
3. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
4. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
5. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
6. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
7. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
8. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Amen

In this light then, it unlikely Js reiterating what said previous occasion. 2/

More likely cry it finished, cry victory, triumph that it signified end suffering part his life offering part being reality role in life Js and live

Dr. Herbert Simpson, preaching Westminster church London said this word, "It has been called with perfect justice, the most momentous word the world has ever heard."

an if we analyse word this way, we indeed see was not statement mere completion of task, but instead word of victory.

A shout of triumph for what taken place Announcement to world that "IT" finished

"IT" being this instance, Divine plan Almighty God re-own mankind.

This plan was started garden Eden after man fallen from God trying be like God do ~~own~~ thing.

From that moment on, God set in motion plan save his peop from sins

Js once said, "My ment is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

This was what he was about now.

God's plan was operable in lives patriarchs, Abe, Isaac, Jacob,

In motion in Moses, Joseph, Judges, the kings, in action in the major, minor prophets.

All down history Israel God's covenant est. re-est for redemption of his peop.

As Js hung suspend heaven earth, he very readily view whole scene passing before tortured eyes, much like drowning man view life passing by.

and as gaze stretched back several yrs,

he view all this as some ~~xxx~~ silent Jim saw puzz, forming, shaping, day by day, yr by yr, cent by ce

All this piece by precious piece, put place by hand Al. God, His Father

All of it for child. whom he loved, sought all these yrs.

All this been finished, Js aware purpose of God, been worked out his life.

Js had any misgivings, doubts about role he to play, was not at this point of execution all came into full focus.

"One Word Of Victory"

"It is Finished"

April 18, 1974

Text: John 19:30,

"When Jesus therefore, had received the vinegar, He said, 'It is finished;' and He bowed His head, and gave up the spirit."

Read the text above,

What was finished?

What did He mean?

There are several things to consider about 6th word in order understand what being said by Js

If look at life of any indiv, no matter who, we know life made up many things

2 Inured any life, work, suffering

each person ~~xxxx~~ has certain work thru life very perform this work entails certain amt suffer achieve it

Js no diff this respect

we know he workern spoke this often, He said,

"The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works ~~xxxx~~ that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me," and, "I must work the works of Him who sent me," and also, "The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me."

Now from these notes of Js, evident he had work was about it.

So if he speak from standpoint of work he tried do in life, been 6th word simply imply his work ended.

When he say It is finished, he saying everything

for which he labored had been accomplished

these words could also implied terrible ordeal he undergone last few hours, also at end.

Could been triumphant about he able leave behind executioners, tormentors, a humiliation he endured

could well be saying, "All you entrusted me been fulfilled. I completed work you sent me to do."

But in 17th chap same Gospel John Js says, "I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work thou gavest me to do."

Js surely must have known that in very short time 3/
when gave spirit back hands Father,
all prophecies of him,
which preceeded him by so many yrs,
all things he prophecied about take place.

Things such as; "I, if I be lifted up will draw all
men unto me."

or, "God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoso-
ever believeth in Him, should not
perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent His Son into the
world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him
might be saved."

When Js said, "It is Finished," he saying salvation
been perfected.

The sins all mankind bought & paid for body, blood
Js Christ.

way now cleared for individ come Father thru Son
No need offer sacrifice animals
supreme sacrif been made

It is finished was CRY of JOM,
Yes, JOY TO WORLD, LORD HAS COME!

Defeat been turned into VICTORY.

EVEN man's best effort at execu could not thwart
God's plan of Salvation from being fulfilled.

"IT IS FINISHED," was cry of Jesus,

IT WAS FINISHED INDEED,

And thanks be to God who giveth us the victory
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"The Word Of Victory"

"It Is Finished!"

April 12, 1974

Text: John 19:30, "When Jesus therefore, had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished;' and he bowed his head, and gave up the spirit."

"When Jesus therefore, had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished;' and he bowed his head and gave up the spirit." What was finished? What did he really mean? There are several things that we need to consider about this sixth word in order to understand what was being said by Jesus. If we look at the life of any individual, no matter who it may be, we know that life is made up of many things. But two ingredients in any life are work and suffering. Each person has a certain work they perform through life, and the very performance of that work entails a certain amount of suffering to achieve it. Jesus was no different in this respect.

We know of him as a worker for He spoke of this often. He said, "The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me." And, "I must work the works of Him who sent me," and again, "The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me." Now from these quotations of Jesus it is evident that He had a work and was about it.

So if He was speaking from the standpoint of the work that He tried to do in His life, then this sixth word would simply imply that His work was ended. When he said it is finished, he was saying that every thing for which he had labored had been accomplished. ~~xxxxxx~~ These words could also have implied that the terrible ordeal he had undergone in these last hours was also at an end. It could have been a triumphant shout that he was able to leave behind him, his executioners, his tormentors, and the humiliation he had endured. He could in essence have been saying, "All that you have entrusted to me has been fulfilled. I have completed the work you sent me to do." But in the 17th chapter of this same Gospel of

John, Jesus said, "I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." So in this light then, it is unlikely that Jesus was merely reiterating what he had said on a previous occasion.

It is more likely that the cry of "It is Finished," was a cry of triumph and of victory. That it signified the end of the suffering part of His life. ~~It said previously that He had finished His work and suffering part~~
~~of His life.~~ The suffering part being in reality the role in life that Jesus had to live. Dr. Herbert Simpson preaching in Westminster Church in London on this word said, "It has been called with perfect justice, the most momentous word the world has ever heard." And if we analyse the word in this way we can indeed see that it was not a statement of the mere completion of a task, but instead the word of victory. A shout of triumph for what had taken place. An announcement to the world that "IT" was finished.

"IT," being in this instance the Divine plan of Almighty God to redeem mankind. This plan that was started in the garden of eden after man had fallen from God in trying to be like God and do his own thing. From that moment on, God had set into motion a plan to save His people from their sins. Jesus once said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work." This was what he was now about.

This plan was operable in the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was still in motion in the ~~prophets~~ judges and the kings. In the major and the minor prophets. All down through the history of Israel God's covenant was established and reestablished for the redemption of His people.

As Jesus hung suspended between heaven and earth, he could very readily view this whole scene passing before his tortured eyes, much like ~~as if we were~~ we are told a drowning person sees their life pass in review. And as his gaze stretched back over several thousand years, he could view all of this as some giant jig saw puzzle

forming and shaping, day by day, year by year, century by century. All this piece by precious piece put into place by the hand of Almighty God, His Father. All of it for the children ~~Maxayed~~ whom He loved and sought all of these years. All of this had been finished, and Jesus was aware that God's purpose had been worked out in His life.

If He had any misgivings or doubts about the role He was to play, it was probably at this point in His execution that all of it came into full focus. He surely must have known that in a very short time, when he gave his spirit back into the hands of the Father, that all of the prophecies which preceeded Him by so many years, and all of the things the He Himself had prophecied were about to take place.

Things such as, "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me," Or, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoe er believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God at His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."

~~It is finished, Joy, Yes, Joy, the world the Lord~~
Salvation has now been perfected, the sins of all mankind have been bought with the body and blood of the perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ. ~~Even through this marked the~~ The way was now cleared for the individual to come to the Father through the Son. No more did he need to offer the sacrifices of animals, the supreme sacrifice had been made. It is finished was a ~~CRY~~ of joy. Yes, Joy to the world, the Lord has come. ~~Thanks be to God who~~
~~giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ~~ Defeat had been turned into victory. ~~Even man's best efforts at execution could not thwart God's purpose from being fulfilled.~~ Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
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PRELUDE MUSIC: "THE RESURRECTION" JOHNSTON
"CHRIST AROSE" WILSON

THE HOLY COMMUNION - (8:00 SERVICE - USHERS WILL ESCORT YOU TO THE ALTAR)

WE WELCOME ALL THOSE WHO VISIT WITH US TODAY IN THE
NAME OF THE RISEN LORD. WE HOPE YOU WILL SIGN OUR
GUEST REGISTER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE NAVE.

SUNRISE SERVICE - EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 7, 1994 - 7:00 A.M.
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

AKFAST AFTER SERVIE THIS MORNING, NO CHARGE - FREE-WILL
OFFERING IF CARE TO CONTRIBUTE
CHURCH SERVICE AT 9:30 FOLLOWING BREAKFAST
THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 9:30 SERVICE

ASCRPTION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRST
FRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT.
THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVETH US THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

*HYMN

OFFERING/PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-10

SERMON: "HAPPY NEW YEAR" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 4/14/74

*HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

SCRIP: MT 28:1-10; SRM: "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

(ILWS CM OF HOLY SEPULCHRE, JERU & EASTER EVE & AWAIT EASTER DAWN)
SIMLAR 2CWSTCM OF AWAIT NEW YRS DAY

THIS 1ST DAY NW BEGINS & LET ME B 1ST WISH W-HAPPY NEW YEAR
TH'S DAY LONG AWAIT IN HISTRY & SPECILY IN LIF JS XP

& CULMINATIN OF BLVD/SACRIF/TEAR OUP SAVIOR JS XP
HE' INGRFIELD CAPTIV IN TOMB-HE ALIV-HE IS RISEN

(ILWS MOSEEM & XPIAN MISSIONARY ABOUT TOMBS)

VS 1-THINK IMPACT UPON TH/LIYS THEE WCMN

DAY W EYR WATCHED THEE TH/ERLY MORN HRS & AWAIT ARIVL OF DAWN???

(ILWS STAND GARD KOREA -TH/LAND OF TH/MORNING CALM)

THEE WCMN LITRLY/FIGURATIVLY SAW DAWN OF NW DAY

VSS 2-4-THINK IMPACT ON THEM,TH/SHOCK,AMAZMENT

ANY FEARS THEY HAD WER QUICKLY PUT PREST BY ANGLS WORDS

VSS 5-7-THINK OF THIS TERRIFIC NEWS THEY WER HEARING

NOW WUD TP AFECT W?? JOY, UNSPEABL JOY

VS 8-1 LIX NOW MT SAYS IT-"DEPARTED QUICKLY"

HE SAYS IT CORRECTLY AT END OF VERS-AND DID RUN"

BUT WHAT HAPPN AS SO 2TEL DISCIPST???

VS 9-TH/DAY NOW DAWNED THAT MUCH BRITH 4THEM

THEY CAM 2TOMB W/SADNES/DESPAIR & NOW GLWN TURN 2JOY

(ILWS MINISTER WHO "LITES UP TH/BURIAL SERVICE")

THIS IS WAT EASTER STORY SHUD DO 4EACH OF US

IT IS A DAY OF JOY OF NW BIRTH,OF MAY TREASUR WORL WANTDPLICAT

(ILWS OLD SOFA & TH/UNKNOWN VALUE OF IT)

THIS WAS JS

AN OLD/WORTHLES JEWISH TEACHN BIN DISPOD OF

HE WAS PUT 2DETH,BURIED & OUT OF HARM'S WAY

TH/RELIG LDERS & OTHERS WANT HIM OUT OF WAY BREATH SIGH RELIEF

THIS BLASMEMR WAS GON,& DISCIPS/FOLLOWRS HAD DISAPEARD

TALK OF NW ONDR,BILD TEMPL 3DAYS ETC WAS JVC TALK,TALK,TALK

LDN DED,& HIS TALK JVS BUNCH DREAMS/MEMRIES IN TH/PAST

IT FVL SIGNIF OF ALL THIS IS THAT JS RESUR MENT POSSBL THAT

WER IS A RECONRECTIN & LIF BYON THIS ONE

4ALL BLIEVRS THIS SHUD SRC JOY & THANKSGIV

IT SHUD PT US 2WAT AWAIT US AT CLOS THIS LIF

(ILWS MISSIONARY,FAMILT IN PORTUGAL & "ALL SAFELY HOME")

WAT A CAWS 4CELEBPATIN

JS MADE POSIB 2CNGS FR/DARKNES 2DAWN

FR/DETH 2LIF, FR/OLD 2NEW

SO SHUD "HAPPY NEW YEAR" THIS EASTER & EVRY EASTER

JS XP IS RISEN 2DAY, ALLELUIS & AMEN!!!

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Sermon #2
December 11, 1973
Ralph C. Link

"Happy New Year!"

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Text: Matthew 28:1a, "Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week," R.S.V.

Today is Easter Sunday. Yesterday, all day, and all night people were gathering in the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. They have been doing this for over nine centuries. These people have been taking part in what is called the "Ceremony of the Holy Fire." H. V. Morton tells of this in his book entitled "In His Steps." Hundreds of people sleep in the church. Thousands more wait outside all night for the supreme moment of the morning to come when the fire shall appear. They push and shove for places that will place them in a position to get their candles touched by the holy fire. The police are called in to preserve order, but to little or no avail.

On each side of the tomb are round openings rimmed with stone, blackened by the fire of other years. Runners stand around holding bunches of candles. The Greek and Armenian patriarchs take their places at the openings, each with a torch. Suddenly in the darkness a burst of flame appears and the torches are ablaze. There is a mad rush of shrieking candle holders as they push forward to light their candles. All pandemonium breaks loose. Out of the tomb they rush with the lit candles, and into their vehicles to drive to their churches and to place the candles in those churches. The church bells peal out their joyous notes on the early morning dawn air, while added to this is the strange noise of wooden gongs that are beaten with strips of metal.

This resembles very much our custom of watching and awaiting the

the arrival of the New Year. Each December 31st thousands of people sit in front of their TV sets viewing Guy Lombardo and his orchestra playing dance music, while people dance and await the New Year. Quite frequently, the scene changes and shows the time remaining until midnight. At a few minutes to midnight the scene in Times Square New York City is shown and at exactly midnight the ball drops to the bottom of the tower and all pandemonium breaks loose with people shouting, and whistling, screaming, embracing, and wishing one another a Happy New Year, to the accompaniment of horns and noise makers.

Well, today is a day of new beginnings and so let me be the first to wish all of you a Happy New Year. This is the day we have all awaited. This is the day to which we have looked ever since Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent. This is the culmination of the blood, and sweat, and tears of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Today, He has arisen. He is no longer held captive in the tomb, but is alive.

A Moslem once remarked to a Christian missionary, "We have proof of the death of our prophet. When we go to Arabia we can find his tomb and thus show that he really lived. When you go to Jerusalem you cannot prove that he lived for you have no tomb." "True," replied the missionary, "We have no tomb in our religion because we have no corpse. Our Gospel ends not in a corpse, but in a conqueror."

Think of the impact this resurrection made upon the followers of Jesus. We read in our scripture how Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb, "after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week." Have you ever watched through the early morning hours and awaited the arrival of dawn? While I was in Korea very appropriately named "The Land of the Morning Calm," I stood guard many nights at the front lines, and watched the blackness of night give way to the beautiful light of dawn. To watch the sky slowly and gradually become light, and to see the first light of day is more breathtaking than I could ever possibly describe. This is literally what took place for these

two women. They saw the dawning of a new day, literally and figuratively. The early morning hours were for these women, moments of grief and sorrow. But they were hours in which they could at least strive to ease their grief, by going to the tomb and seeing where their beloved was entombed. Matthew tells us they went to see the sepulchre. We can well imagine their utter amazement at the events that took place, what with the earthquake and the stone being rolled away, and the angel to greet them. But it becomes all but impossible to imagine the surprise they must have felt when they first viewed the empty tomb. They certainly were not prepared for this shock. So it isn't too hard to understand why the angel told them not to be afraid, for fear was probably the first thing they experienced. A fear that the body of their beloved Jesus had been stolen, or carried elsewhere. But just imagine their joy as they are told the glorious news that He has arisen is now alive, forevermore.

This made that day dawn just that much brighter for them. What was once darkness, sadness, grief and despair, had now turned to a lightness and brightness that nothing could ever match. What made it all the more bright was for them to leave the empty tomb to tell the disciples of their discovery and to be met by none other than Jesus Himself. This not only made it believable, but here was the proof.

A minister named John Henry Jowett once told of a fellow minister when he said, "I know a man who always lights up the burial service by the wonderful way in which he reads the resurrection chapter in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. While he reads you can see and feel the morning dawning, even though you are in the house of the dead."

This is what the Easter story should do for all of us. It should create the new and glorious dawning. When God performed the miracle of resurrection, it was the beginning of a New Year for many. It is a New Year for all those who are in Christ. It is a day of

new life, of new birth.

A janitor was cleaning a church basement. He had hauled away load after load of old paint cans, and boxes, stones, scrap lumber and rubbish. He would have hauled out the old sofa that he found there, but it was too bulky and heavy to handle alone. So he pulled it over against one wall, and piled bags of leftover plaster, cement and sand on it. One day one of the ladies of the church came to the church and went to the basement to get something. She noticed that the basement was now nice and clean and during her inspection, she saw the old sofa sitting against the wall. She inquired of the janitor as to the ownership of it. He told her as far as he knew it belonged to the church. She replied that she would like to buy it. Scornfully he asked, "Yea, and just how much will you give for that old piece of junk?" She answered, "I'll give \$400 for it, because it just happens to be a French Chippendale." The janitor uncertain as to what he should do, told her he would check into it. He went to the pastor and told him. A furniture dealer was called in and after examining the sofa, told them it was worth some money. An auction was held and the sofa was sold for \$1000.

Thus it was with Jesus. The old worthless Jewish teacher had been disposed of. His body was laid in the tomb and for all intents and purposes he was just as dead as anyone else. The people who had wanted his ministry ended could now breath a sigh of relief. The religious leaders were probably elated, because now this blasphemer was gone. His followers and disciples had all disappeared. Their hopes of being a part of the new order were dashed to pieces. All of that talk about tearing down the temple and rebuilding it in three days, had been just that, talk. Their leader had proven to be just as fallible as they. He was now dead and buried and his ministry was just a bunch of dreams and memories in the past.

But what no one considered was the fact that Jesus himself had predicted this. He had foretold that the stone which the builders would reject, would become the head of the corner. That old worthless body was gone, and it had been replaced with the new and glorious risen Saviour Jesus Christ.

The full significance of Easter is that Jesus conquered death and the grave and through Him we may have eternal life; It should be

For each Christian a cause for joy and thanksgiving now, and something which we can anticipate at the close of this earthly life.

During World War II things became so bad in many areas that many times people were evacuated for their own safety. In Portugal a missionary was advised to send his family back to England for their safety. So one morning he saw his wife and his eight children, as well as his sister and her three children loaded aboard an ocean liner, bound for England. He remained behind. On the Sunday following their departure he stood before his congregation and announced, "I've just received word that all my family have arrived safely home." He then led the service of worship. It was only after the service was over that the full meaning of the words became known to his people. He had received a telegram just before the start of the service, informing him that a submarine had torpedoed the ship and everyone on board had died. But he knew that all of his family were believers, and they had reached home safely. And although overcome with grief at the loss, he was able to continue through the grace of God, knowing that his loved ones were enjoying eternity, through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What a cause for celebration. Jesus made it possible for man to cross from darkness to dawn; from death to life; from the old to the new. It should be "HAPPY NEW YEAR" this Easter and every Easter. "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia" and Amen.

Sunday, April 5, 1970

Mr. Ralph Link, Lay Minister

Prelude
Lighting the Candles of Worship
*Hymn No. 80
*Invocation and Choral Introit
*Prayer of Confession - Our Heavenly Father, who
by Your love made me, and through Your love have
kept me, and in Your love would make me perfect, I
humly confess that I have not loved You with all
my heart, soul, mind and strength, and that I have
not loved my neighbor as Christ loved me. Your
life is within my soul but my selfishness has
hindered You. I have not lived by faith. I have
resisted Your spirit. I have neglected Your
inspirations. Forgive what I have been; help me to
amend what I am; and in Your Spirit direct what I
should be; that You may come into the full glory of
Your creation, in me and in all men, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.
*The Kyrie
*The Assurance of Pardon
*The Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading, Sel. 34, Page 584
Hymn No. 239
The Scripture Lesson - John 20:19-29
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response
Offertory
*Doxology and Dedication of Tithes and Offerings
The Anthem "Scatter Sunshine" The Junior Choir
The Sermon "Without a Doubt"
*Hymn No. 176
*Benediction and Choral Response
*Postlude
*Indicates that we stand
Greeters
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Beck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon at 2:00 - Consistory Meeting
Wednesday evening at 6:30 - Junior Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday evening at 7:15 - Senior Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday evening at 8:00 - Double G Class Meeting
Thursday evening at 8:00 - Washington Township
Committee will meet in the home of Mrs. Milner
Mainel.

Friday, April 10 - The Vacation Bible School work-
shop will be held with two sessions at 1:00 p.m. and
7:30 a.m. All staff members and teachers are asked
to contact Faye Cox about attending.

Sunday, April 12 - If present schedules are main-
tained, Rev. Kettering will be in our pulpit for
his first sermon as minister at First Church.

Mrs. Curt (Bessie) Hill wishes to thank everyone
for cards, flowers and prayers extended on her be-
half. Bessie is recuperating at home. Gary Luke-
hart continues to make progress and is still a
hospital patient. Dora DeVilling underwent surgery
last Monday in Citizens Hospital and is recovering
nicely. John Howley, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Howley, was able to spend Easter at home after hav-
ing been hospitalized.

The rosebuds on the altar announce the arrival of
two baby girls, the one born to Mr. and Mrs.
Preston (Linda Barker) Smith, and the other, Judith
Lynn, born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. William Freynton.

The Double G Class will hold a cooking demonstra-
tion at the West Penn Power Building in Washington
Township on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Donations are
fifty cents per person and tickets may be obtained
from class members.

Just so happen Thos carp by trade
 While Abbanes in mat place, Js came up said,
 "Wouldst thou buy a carpenter?"
 Abbanes say, "Yes."
 Js say; "I have slave that carp, I desire sell."
 At this he point Thos in distance.
 Js agree price. Thos sold
 agreement read; "I Js, son of Jos carp, acknowledge
 I have sold my slave Thos by name unto thee Abbanes
 a merchant of Sundaphorus, King of the Indians."
 After deed drawn up, Js take Thos to Abbanes 7405.
 Abbanes ask Thos, "Is this your master?"
 Thos reply, "Indeed he is."
 Abbanes tell him, "I have bot you from him."
 Thos no ready.
 But in morn he rise early, pray
 after prayer he say Js, "I will go whither thou
 wilt Lord Js; thy will be done."
 Story then go on tell how Sundaphorus command Thos
 build palace & Thos told him he can do
 King gave Thos all money needed buy materials, &
 hire workmen.
 But Thos give all away to poor
 He keep telling king, "Palace rising steadily."
 But king grow suspicious.
 Finally sends Thos, asks, "Hast thou built me palace?"
 Thos answer, "Yes."
 When shall we go see, asks king?
 Thos answers; "thou canst not see it now, but when
 thou departest this life, then thou shalt see it."
 King angry, Thos life endangered,
 but finally king won over xpianity, this how Thos
 brought xpianity to India.
 two things stand out life Thos
 1st, he actually refuse believe that which cannot
 see. would not trust, in this respect absolutely
 honest.
 Thos not kind man blindly tell of faith. no belie
 Tennyson wrote; "there lives more faith in honest
 doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds."
 (illustration Baptist Fish)
 This true all denom.
 Easter, Amas good examp this
 full church, many come, no idea what they belie
 Oh, have some vague notion Js,
 but ends there.

2/7

"Without A Doubt!"

Text: John 20:24-29

In world a nation make use word doubt often
 in merchandizing, whether car, washer, appliance
 (anything else, without doubt, best on market
 Jury told "if reasonable doubt, then acquit"
 People show doubt in belief of all kinds
 Thomas in Scripture could very well say, "I doubt
 certainly very sceptical
 we call doubting Thomas,
 this respect we show feelings toward doubters
 Thomas may been doubter, or sceptic, but very loyal
 Loved Js, disc.
 reason that not with other discs, grief stricken
 no want others see this
 since loved Js so much, made statement, would no
 believe until he saw for self
 When saw, made complete acceptance, "My Lord,
 and My God."
 Latter life Thos not really known.
 book supposedly life of Thos called, "Acts Of Thos
 Only legendary story,
 but true to character as far as Thos concerned
 Story like this:
 After death Js, discs divide up world among them
 Each took section known world preach spread Gospel
 India fell Thos by lot.
 Some truth here, cause Thomist church South India,
 the origin Thos
 At 1st Thos refuse go, said,
 "I am an Hebrew man; how can I go among the Indians
 and preach the truth?"
 Js appeared nite, said; "Thos, fear not, go thou int
 India & preach the word there for my grace is with
 thee."
 But Thos stubbornly refuse, said;
 "Master, whether thou sendest me I will go, send me
 but send me elsewhere, for unto the Indians I will
 not go."
 Just so happened certain merchant came from India
 to Jerusalem.
 His name Abbanes
 Was sent by King Sundaphorus find skilled carp
 bring back India

So easy stand before cong, say few I Do's, 3/
 & then you a Xpian
 almost as easy as getting married.
 We have mixed up Churchianity for Christianity.
 We been reaping benefits for many yrs, with empty
 pews & half committed peop
 we long list peop on roles, but not there cause
 no commitment to Js Christ.
 Relig not taken seriously
 We should have Thos doubt.
 we should question all of relig from Apost creed^{om}
 We should question about Bible.
 So easy say, "Well, I accept B. as inspired
 word of God," but what does that mean to you?
 But should find out what we believe,
 find out who wrote, when how written, what about
 (Illustration Bible for present) et
 We may never receive a gift copy compliments of
 author, but we should know His word.
 Nother point Thos, way he made up mind.
 Once sure, he went all way.
 He say Js, "My Lord, and My God."
 nothing 1/2 here.
 He go all way
 This we need today, more dedicated men & women.
 More peop on fire for Lord,
 & not just in pulpits either
 Too many lukewarm xpians
 Only time many give Allegiance God, when need help
 Many only need help, hatched, matched, dispatched
 Bapt, marry, bury.
 Too many only need church when problems or trouble
 To have doubts human
 we all have them.
 I know sceptic asks show me risen Lord?
 Cannot actually prove this, nor more prove air
 We know air all round us, cannot see it, but there
 So impossible prove resurrection Js.
 We must accept as Thos, "My Lord & My God."
 Js summed up to Thos, "You believe because you can
 see me. Happy are those who have not seen & yet
 believe."
 We no see as Thos, yet we profess belief.
 We should show acceptance Withou A Doubt, & live it

Without A Doubt

Text: John 10; 24-29

In the world today and in our nation we make use of the word doubt quite often. In merchandising we say, "This product, whether it be a car appliance or anything else, is without a doubt the best on the market. In jury trials, the jury is often instructed that if they have a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of an individual, then it is their duty to acquit him. People often use the phrase, "I'm from Missouri, you'll have to show me," when they are sceptical about something. Well the man in our Scripture this morning could very well have uttered this phrase, because he was certainly very sceptical. And don't we often refer to a person sometimes as a, "Doubting Thomas?" In this respect we show what our feelings are toward a doubter.

Thomas may have been a doubter, or a pessimist as we would call him, but he was also a loyal disciple. He loved Jesus and it is thought that the reason why he was not with the other disciples, was due to the fact that he did not want anyone to see how grief stricken he was over the death of Jesus, so he went into seclusion. And since he loved Jesus so much he made the statement that he would not believe it was Jesus unless he actually saw the nail prints and touched them and saw the wound in Jesus side. And when he was convinced that it really was Jesus he made the complete acceptance of his Saviour by stating, "My Lord and my God."

The later life of Thomas is not really known. But there is a book that is supposedly the history of Thomas. It is called, "The Acts of Thomas." It is only a legendary story, but it certainly is true to character as far as Thomas is concerned. ~~After the resurrection of Jesus~~ The story goes like this, "After the death of Jesus, the disciples divided the world up among them. That is they each took a certain section of the known world to preach in and to spread the Gospel. India fell to Thomas by lot. There is some truth here since the Thomist Church

South India can trace its origin to Thomas. At first Thomas refused to go. He used the excuse that he was not strong enough for the journey. He said, "I am an Hebrew man; how can I go among the Indians and preach the truth?" But Jesus appeared to him at night and said, "Fear not Thomas, go thou into India and preach

the word there, for my grace is with thee." But Thomas very stubbornly refused. He said to Jesus, "Whither thou wouldst send me, send me, but elsewhere for unto the Indians I will not go."

Now it just so happened that a certain merchant came from India to Jerusalem. He was named Abbanes. He had been sent by King Gundaphorus to find a skilled carpenter and to bring him back to India. And it just so happened that Thomas was a carpenter by trade. While Abbanes was in the market place, Jesus came up to him and said, "Wouldest thou buy a carpenter?" Abbanes replied, "Yes." Then Jesus said, "I have a slave that is a carpenter, and I desire to sell him," at this He pointed to Thomas in the distance. So they agreed on a price and Thomas was sold. The agreement they had between them read, "I, Jesus, the son of Joseph the carpenter, acknowledge that I have sold my slave Thomas by name unto thee Abbanes, a merchant of Gundaphorus, king of the Indians." After the deed was drawn up Jesus found Thomas and took him to Abbanes. Abbanes asked Thomas, "Is this your master?" And Thomas replied, "Indeed he is." Abbanes told him, "I have bought thee from him." Thomas said nothing. But in the morning he rose early and prayed. After his prayer he said to Jesus, "I will go whither thou wilt Lord Jesus; thy will be done."

The story then goes on to tell how Gundaphorus commanded Thomas to build a palace and Thomas told him that he was able to do so. The king gave Thomas all the money that he needed to buy the materials and hire the workmen. But Thomas gave it all away to the poor. He would keep telling the king that the palace was rising steadily. But the king grew suspicious. Finally he sent for Thomas. And he asked, "Hast thou built me the palace." And Thomas answered, "Yes." When then shall we go and see it," asked the king? Thomas replied, "Thou canst not see it now, but when thou departest this life, then thou shalt see it." At first the king was very angry and Thomas was in danger of his life. But finally the king was won over to Christianity and this is how Thomas brought Christianity to India.

There are two things that stand out in the life of Thomas. The first thing is the fact that he absolutely refused to say that he believed, when indeed he did not. In this respect he was absolutely honest. Thomas had to be sure.

Thomas was not the kind of man who would blindly tell of his faith and not believe in it. Tennyson wrote, "There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me than in half the creeds."

There is a story told of a Baptist minister who was strolling along the sea walk during a convention of his members in Charleston. He happened to meet an old colored man fishing. For a long time he watched the man sit very patiently waiting for a bite. Finally he got a bite and hooked the fish and pulled him in. It was an odd looking fish and the minister asked what kind it was. The man replied that it was called a Baptist fish. "A Baptist fish the minister asked," rather sceptically. "Sure," said the man, "They call them that because they spoil so fast after they are taken out of the water." Now this is true of all denominations. ^{SAME EX. FOR CHURCH} Many people come into them, but they have no ~~idea~~ ^{IN} idea ~~in~~ what ~~exists~~. ^{IN} it is they believe. Oh, they have a vague notion about Jesus, but that's about where it ends. It is so easy to stand before the rest of the congregation, and say a few, "I do's" and then you are a Christian. It's almost as easy as getting married. I think that in many respects the churches that require a period of classes for prospective members have a good idea. I think that because we have made Christianity so easily obtained, we are reaping it with the empty churches and a long list of people on the rolls who should be there. ^{NOT HERE} Religion is not taken as seriously as it should be. We should have a certain amount of Thomas's doubt. This questioning should involve all facets of our religion from the meaning of the Apostles Creed to the structure of the Bible. It is so easy to repeat the Creed and never really know what it means. And it is so easy to say, "Well, I accept the Bible as the inspired word of God." And let it go at that. But what we should do is to try to find out just what it is that the Creed means. And we should dig into the Bible to see who wrote it and how it was written and the ^{EX. OF HIM} circumstances under which it was written. ^{8 WHAT IT SAYS TO ME IN MY LIFE} This would help not only to make more dedicated Christians, but people who were well versed in their religion and who would take it seriously enough to be a real active Christian.

^{AND THE} ~~The second point~~ of Thomas, was the fact that once he made up his mind, or when he was sure, he went all the way. He answered Jesus, "My Lord and

my God." He was sure and with this surety he was willing to go all the way. He did not stop half way and just say, "My Lord." No he had to give all of the title to Jesus. This is another thing we need in our religion today. More dedicated men and women. And I don't ~~just~~ ^{mean} behind the pulpit either. Too many of our church people are luke warm Christians. The only time they really give the allegiance to their Saviour is when they are in need of help. A minister friend of mine once told me that the people who demand the most as far as religious services are concerned, are the ones who never darken the doorway of the church. But just let one of their loved ones die or become ill, and they expect the minister to be right on the job at their beck and call. To be halfway in our religion is ~~is~~ almost as bad as having no religion at all. We need to live it as well as confess it.

To have doubts as Thomas did is human. All of us have them from time to time. But when it comes to our Christianity we can have no doubts. Oh, I know that the sceptical ask for proof of Jesus as the Risen Lord. But to try to prove this is almost as difficult as trying to prove that there is such a thing as air. We know that it is all around us, but we can't see it. But does this mean it does not exist? Of course not, so it is just as impossible to prove the resurrection of Jesus. We must accept it by faith. We must accept Him as our Lord And our God ^{As,} by faith ~~also~~. This is perhaps a difficult thing for some Christians to do, especially if they are of a doubting nature. But Jesus summed it up when He said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." We have not seen Jesus as the disciples and Thomas did, and yet we profess to believe. We have accepted Jesus as our Lord and our God, and so we should show this acceptance by not being doubtful about our Christianity. We should ~~live without any doubts~~ live the Christian life, and believe in our Saviour without any doubts at all. Then when we profess our faith, we can truly say, "I believe in Jesus Christ without a doubt." Let us pray.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord:
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is
of 17 ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST for the upright.

BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 28, 1974

REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR

MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST

MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR

BILL WATTERSON, STEVE BASEHORE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "ANDANTE PASTORALE", IN A" SPENCE
"PRELUDE SERIEUSE" STRICKLAND

SILENT PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 177 "SING WITH ALL THE SONS OF GLORY"

*ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "GRACIOUS GOD, FATHER OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PROMISED TO RECEIVE US
WHEN WE COME TO YOU. WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED
AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED. WE HAVE DIS-
OBEYED YOUR LAW. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU OR OUR NEIGHBORS
AS WE SHOULD. FORGIVE US, O GOD, AND GRANT THAT
WE MAY LIVE AND SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: TO LORD OPEN OUR LIPS

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3: 7-21

HYMN No. 254 "JESUS, I LIVE TO THEE"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"ADAGIO CANTABILE" BEETHOVEN

ANTHEM: "I WALKED INTO THE GARDEN" BY WEAVER

SERMON: "OLD REDSTEADS, ANYONE?"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 469 "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "MAESTOSO" MARTIN

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED
BY MR. & MRS. CUSTEAD IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JOHN
REINHOLD - "PARENTS". (MR. & MRS. HERMAN CUSTEAD)
THOSE SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *RAYMOND COVERT,
ROBBIE VINROE, BRIAN PEARSE, ROBERT DELLEN, CHRIS
PEARSE.

ELDER ARTHUR SNYDER WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE
DOOR TODAY.

MRS. LINDA McVILLIN, JANE AND ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG
WILL BE IN THE NURSERY TODAY.

HOSPITALIZED: MR. GEORGE EICHORN, ALLEGHENY GEN.
HOSP. - PITTS.; HAROLD CAMPBELL, MRS. MATTHEW
DICKSON (HELEN) - BCMH.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. ROLAND THOMPSON - NEW
GRANDSON - BOY BORN TO MR. & MRS. CLYDE CURRY - BCMH.
REMEMBER MAY 8 - MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TUREEN DINNER -
6:00 - THE CIRCLE SQUARES (MARY MARTHA CIR.) ARE IN
CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM AND WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH
THEIR FAMOUS SURPRISE TALENT. MAKE A DATE NOW WITH
YOUR MOTHER, DAUGHTER, NIECE OR JUST A FRIEND. MEAT
AND DESSERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED - YOU WILL
NEED A TUREEN AND TABLE SERVICE.

TUESDAY - 7:30 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN OUR CHURCH.
DAY DECLARED BY THE CONGRESS IN WHICH THEY ARE ASKING
FOR A DAY OF HUMILIATION, FASTING AND PRAYER AND TO
TURN TO GOD AND ASK HIS GUIDANCE AND HELP IN OUR
COUNTRY.

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

THURS. - THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED - PLEASE

HAVE ALL MATERIAL IN BY WEDNESDAY.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY - 225

THE CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE IN THE OFFICE - THEY
ARE BEAUTIFUL - SEE REA IN THE OFFICE - \$4.00 EACH.

TUES. & THURS. - WORK NIGHT IN THE APARTMENT AT 110
WALKER AVE.

MAY 5 - LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION MEETING - LOIS WOSAN
AND ANN WILLIAMS - DELEGATES - ST. MARKS - NEW HAMBURG.

He goes on to say vs 12b
then vs 14

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(Illustration Daniel Webster statement)

It's what Paul getting at.
He sayings must leave all worthless monuments we
tend build, behind

Must point selves, others Almighty God, then
showing them Js Ap.

How many u know wrapped up in old bedstead?

How many us so concerned things-objects-bedstead

(Illustration London Newspaper prize)

This in essence what Paul trying tell peop Philippi
He say- vs 17

Last week working as chap. of wk for Nat. Council
churches

reminded house worked in several yrs ago.

Couple live house, no children

adopted every stray cat, dog, hurt, crippled etc.
 even went out town pick up

she said spent 40-50 dollars month med.-animals.

Thurs called on woman upset be in hospital
listened story soon evident why upset.

About 12 yr ago took in home foster baby boy

he afflicted cerebral palsy

gave boy, all love & concern

real mother want institutionalize boy, sever all tie
expert say, boy die 2 mos, because loss love
able adopt boy as own

now now is only about this big, (2 feet)

know them, loves them - they love him.

Boy requires all time & efforts, both hus. & wife

this why she upset in hosp broken back, anxious get
real clincher, she spend 40-50 dollar med. home

here 2 cases same amt money spent med.

1 for animal, other humans

why normal healthy peop take 24 hr, 7day wk job
care someone else afflicted child?

why on other hand person lavish all love, animal
more humane destroy, & neglect use time-money
helping other humans?

now fork classic examp too many animals, peop so
concern other humans.

"Old bedsteads, anyone?"

Deut. 3:11, "For only Og the king of Bashan
was left of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his
bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Sabbah
of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and
four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit

Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for
the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Much ado made over size peop - things, present world
sports, biggest, heaviest linemen for football
Basketball, looks fellows over 6 ft
Business, industry, trying make, package lge
economy sizes

In Bible story of men, who last in long line tribe
of giants

group known as Rephaim

story in Deut 3

Moses telling story,

(read this story)

Bedstead referred to considered be burial sarcophagus
made like bedstead.

cubit 1 1/2 in. length 13 1/2 ft, width 4 ft

can see large man

from story determine Og last of giants
he destroyed - only bedstead remain

we looking back ancient history,
even back there, inclination strive vast kingdoms,

pires, wealth, amass fortunes

& reached etc in power-riches

got overthrown by lesser, & now they turn be
figurative giants of world

prominent wealthy man died, question asked, "how
much did he leave?"

Someone answer, "he left everything."

Yes, everything left behind at passing of every life
sometimes only thing mark passing, old iron bed

Contrast life Og - life Paul tells about in script.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX I have XXXXXXXX the loss of all things~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX as XXXXXXX~~

(read Phil 3:8)

Paul stating, nothing more worthwhile in world
than serve Master Js Ap, all else nothing

In the book James we read, 3/
"If a brother or sister is illclad & in lack of
daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in
peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them
the things needed for the body, what does it profit?"

It is more important to care for the afflicted
humans all around us.

But u see, we all involved bilding monuments some
Diff peop place diff priority on what import kind
We all prob have some old iron bedstead our life
should getvrid of.

Paul also says vss 18-21

Paul reiterating, we should be living for heavenly
home,

forget living to selves here on earth

What will u & I leave behind?

Will merely be old iron bedsteads for anyone us?

Someone once said, "One life twill soon be past,
& only that done for Js Xp will last."

"Old Bedsteads, Anyone?," or will it be that goal
we press on toward, for the upward call of God
in Christ Jesus?

"Old Bedsteads, Anyone?"

Text: Deut. 3:11, "For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit."

Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Much ado is made over the size of people and things in our present day world. For instance, in sports, the biggest and heaviest line-men are sought for football teams. In basketball, the teams are looking for the fellows who are well over six feet. In business and industry everyone is trying to make and package things in large economy sizes.

Well in the Bible there is a story of a man who was the last in a long line of giants of a certain tribe. This group was known as the Rephaim, and the story is found in Deuteronomy 3: Moses is telling this story and we read, (read 3:1-11)

"For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit."

The bedstead referred to in this scripture was considered by most authorities to be not a bedstead as we know it, but instead a burial sarcophagus. Using the rule of thumb that a cubit was 18 inches in length, this sarcophagus would have been 13½ feet long and 6 feet wide. Thus we can see that it would have been made for a large man.

From this story we can determine that only Og remained of a tribe of giants and he was also destroyed, and the only thing left was his iron bedstead. We are looking back over ancient history, and even way back then, the inclination was to strive for vast kingdoms and empires, for wealth and to amass fortunes. Og had reached the heights in power and riches. Yet, he was overthrown by the Israelites and it was now their turn to be the figurative giants of that part of the world.

A prominent ~~xxxx~~ wealthy man died not too long ago and someone in striving to determine just how much money he had remarked, "How much did he leave." Someone else answered the question by saying, "He left everything." Yes, ~~sometimesxxxxxxx~~ everything is left at the end of every life, and sometimes the only thing left to mark the passing of someone is only an old iron bedstead.

Contrast the life of Og with the life Paul tells about in our scripture where he states, "For Jesus' sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him." Paul is stating that there is nothing more worthwhile in the world than serving the master Jesus Christ. All else is nothing compared to this.

He goes on to say, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call ~~xxx~~ of God in Christ Jesus," and he urges others of the same mind to do likewise.

Daniel Webster made the statement, "If we work upon marble it will perish, If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with the just fear of God and love of their fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

This is what Paul was getting at. He was saying that we should leave behind us all of those worthless monuments we tend to build to ~~xxxxxx~~ ourselves, and we must point ourselves and others to Almighty God through showing them Jesus Christ. How many people do you know that are all wrapped up in a monument that will be left behind? How many of us are so concerned with things and objects that are the equivalent of the old iron bedstead of King Og?

Some years ago a London newspaper offered prizes for the best answers to the question, "Who are the happiest people on earth?"

The following were adjudged the four best answers:

The craftsman or artist whistling over a job well done
little child building sand castles
A mother, after a busy day, bathing her baby
A doctor who has finished a difficult and dangerous operation, and saved
a human life.

Notice there are no playboys, no millionaires, no international jet setters, no kings, no hollywood stars, no people high on drugs or other stimulants. Just plain things that require work and love. This in essence was what Paul was trying to tell these people in Philippi. He said, "Join in imitatin me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us." He was beseeching others to follow him in this type of living. He was telling them that we can look at the lives of others and we can measure their Christianity by their lives.

This past week as I worked in the hospital as the Chaplain of the week, representing the Butler Area Council of Churches, I was reminded of a home in which I worked ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ some years ago. The couple who lived in this house had no children. But they adopted every stray cat and dog that came around. In fact they even went to distant states to pick up dogs and cats their friends had collected and brought them back to Butler and nursed them back to health. The woman told me they spent between 40 and 50 dollars every month just in medicine for these animals.

On Thursday I called on a woman who did not belong to a church and who was very upset because she had to be in the hospital. As I listened to her story it soon became evident why she was upset. The story is that about 13 years ago she and her husband took into their home a baby boy as a foster child. The boy was ~~suffering~~ afflicted with cerebral palsy. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ They gave this boy all of their love and their concern. After a certain length of time, the real mother of the boy decided she wanted his place in an institution, and wanted to sever all ties with him. The woman and her husband checked into adopting the boy, and in the process were told that if the boy were placed in an institution, he would ~~live~~ in all probability die within six months. The reason being that he had grown to love them in

Here are two cases in which the same amount of money was being spent for medicines. One was for animals, the other for humans. ~~WHICHXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~arexxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Why would a person who has no children otherwise, tie herself down to a 7 day a week, 24 hour a day job of raising someone else's afflicted child? when this was not something she had to do? Why on the other hand would a person lavish so much love on animals, many of which it would have been more humane to destroy, and neglect to ~~show that~~ use that money and time in helping some other human? I love animals, but I believe it is more important to care for the afflicted humans of the world than for the animals.

But you see we all are involved in building a monument of some kind. Different people place different priorities on what is really important to them. We all probably have some old iron bedsteads in our lives that we should rid ourselves of. ~~When we read of some of the examples of different people we cannot help but feel a sense of joy~~ Paul also reminds us of this when he says, "Many of whom I told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself."

Paul is merely reiterating that we should be living for
t^e heavenly home and forget about living to ourselves here on earth.
What will you and I leave behind? Will it merely be old bedsteads for anyone
off us? Someone coined the words, "One life, twill soon be past, and only
that done for Jesus Christ will last." Which will it be, old bedsteads,
or

Someone once penned the words, "One life, twill soon be past,
only that done for Jesus Christ will last." What will you and I leave be-
hind? Will it merely be old bedsteads for anyone of us? Or will it be
that ~~wish~~ goal that we presson toward, for the upward call of God in
Christ Jesus?

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME
MOTHER'S DAY May 12, 1974

REV. RALPH C. LINK, MINISTER
MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MRS. CYNTHIA SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
PAULA STEPHENSON, NANCY LINK - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
PRELUDE MUSIC: "CANATINA" RARE
"CABALETTA" LACK

- SILENT PRAYER
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 12 "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"
*ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "CHRIST, WE ARE GLAD TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR KINGDOM, AND WE JOYFULLY ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE WHICH OUR MEMBERSHIP SETS BEFORE US. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THAT CHALLENGE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, IN ORDER TO SHARE OUR CONCERNS WITH YOU AND ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST. JOIN US AS WE SEARCH OUR HEARTS AND WILLS, THAT WE MAY KNOW OUR SHORTCOMINGS. SEARCH OUR DESIRES AND AMBITIONS WITH US, THAT WE MAY KNOW IF THEY ARE PURE, SINCERE, AND WORTHY OF FULFILLMENT. ACCEPT OUR HONEST SEARCHING AS OUR CONFESSION IN CHRIST. AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR.)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.
*DOXOLOGY No. 55
SCRIPTURE LESSON: PROVERBS 31: 10-31
HYMN No. 390 "COME, LET US JOIN WITH FAITHFUL SOUL"
*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
*CALL TO PRAYER
*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

- *PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "LULLABY" BRAHMS
ANTHEM: "IN PASTURES GREEN" - YOUTH CHOIR -
SOLO - LLOYD LINK - BY ALLENE K. RIXBY
SERMON: "MOTHERS AND OTHERS!"
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 11 "YE SERVANTS OF GOD"
*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "ALLEGRO" BARNES
- - - - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. LOUIS ZURIK IN MEMORY OF THEIR "MOTHERS"
PESSIE ZURIK AND MABEL JONES.
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,
MONT MACKINNEY, JAMES MALONEY, STEVE VARGO.
MR. & MRS. EARL HOGAN WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE
DOOR TODAY.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. BARBARA VARGO
AND MARY ANN SNOW.
HOSPITALIZED: MRS. JUDY MASSERT -560; MR. HERMAN
LIPOLD - 377; MRS. MARY YOUNG.
THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY - 224.
THE CLOSING HYMN TODAY YE SERVANTS OF GOD IS THE
"NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS" HYMN OF THE MONTH
FOR MAY. TODAY IS THE CLOSE OF NATIONAL MUSIC
WEEK.
WE WISH TO THANK MRS. MARILYN STEPHENSON FOR PLAYING
THE PIANO TODAY.
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MARIE STAUFFER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION
FOR ALL THE CARDS AND VISITORS AND PASTOR LINK'S
VISITS AND PRAYERS, WHILE SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.
GEORGE EICHORN WANTS TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SENT
HIM CARDS - REMEMBERED HIM IN THEIR PRAYERS AND FOR
THE PASTOR FOR HIS CALLS.
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THE FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG
ADVOCATE OF MUSIC IN RELIGION AND THIS YEAR'S THEME:
"MUSIC ENHANCES LIFE" NOT ONLY SUGGESTS THE BEAUTY
AND PLEASURE THAT MUSIC CAN BRING TO ONE'S LIFE, BUT
ALSO REMINDS US OF THE GREAT LOVE OF OUR CREATOR,
FROM WHOM THIS BEAUTIFUL GIFT HAS COME JUST FOR OUR
VERY JOY OF IT. *OFFICIAL END*

Thanks to the Flower M. Link and

SCRIP: 1 PETER 3:1-12; SERM: "MOTHERS & OTHERS"

~~THESE WORDS, PETER, 3:1-12, 1-12~~

~~THESE WORDS, PETER, 3:1-12, 1-12~~

BGIN EXAMPLS SHO BRKDN FAMLYS AS V.P. DAN QUAYLE PT OUT US LAPP
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NOW IT POLIT COREC 2SPK THIS & WVN OCUPANT WHIT HOUZ SEZ IT
WILH ISSUE IN NOV ELECTIN - BUT WIL IT BRING BOUT CHANGE?
MUS WAIT & C

PETER SITS TH/STANDARD FOR TH/HOME IN THIS SCRIP

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COMMUNITY WIRLS CHURCH - RAGMONE, PA. - MAY 12, 1996

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

*RESPONSIVE READING #14

*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*KINEX PASTORAL PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 3:1-12

SERMON: "MOTHERS AND OTHERS"

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These few excerpts

but I see, some want to put in world
Isn't ability have children,
you woman mental inst. can have baby.

Not important women can have child. but what kind parent
is she? ~~WOMAN IN FLORIDA - ALBI-770 FIRST LINE, REMAINS, &~~
~~(read - Peter 3:1-4)~~ ~~MOTHER 'ALMOST HATES'~~
I almost being woman in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I Peter 3:3-4
telling not only be obedient wives, but be example
for husband.

he saying: "Look, perhaps you married unbeliever,
we may not believe in Christ. In this case
way win him over live as Xpian."

he saying, "Don't be concerned about the outward
appearance of your hair so much, or the wearing of
jewelry, and fancy clothes, it is what is inside
your heart that is of more importance. For this is
the imperishable treasure ~~xxxx~~ of a quiet, gentle
spirit & nature that God loves."

This good advice for us today as well.

We living in world obsessed with looks.

We arent more cosmetics any nation in world.

I no talk women only, men as well.

Madison Ave. department last few yrs men have changing
fashions.

last yr we bought wear new outer suits ~~xxxx~~ shirts
etc, now even shirt shoes.

What not being said, this done waste money,
unfortunately, men fooled believing this cause
someone really cares how we can look.

Looks today very important

in, women getting facelifts remove wrinkles,
use wrinkles pull old age, & poor no want age

Minister tell of attending conference check yr health.
last yr attended - there had ing poor after surgery
part of it was illness, around - lice infections
into women breasts to make more shapely.

What this has do help minister perform his ministry
better I no know.

But every where we turn, we confronted with age
look better, dress better, & bettering of lives
never mentioned.

I asked how many peop talk to tell us, "I would go

church if only had proper clothes."
I would like someone tell us where in bible it says
we need to dress or look a certain way come into
house.

"Mothers and Others!"

Text: I Peter 3:3-4,

"Let not yours be the outward adorning with braiding
of hair, decoration of gold; and wearing of robes,
but let it be the hidden person of the heart with
the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit
which in God's sight is very precious."

Today Mother's Day

Good old Mom will be wined & dined as magnificently
as average son or daddies wallet can stand strain
~~that \$5.00 bill is a real pain in the neck~~

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Today
This is a climax Xpian fam wk
last few yrs devoting person Mom, frowned on

No day been exalted family life day.,
or, more international relationships day,

or, a period for the re-evaluation between parents
& children,

or, Father, Mother, Children & their relationship to
the church,

or whatever, ~~ELSE ANYONE COULD THINK TO CALL IT.~~
We could go on, but I individ summed beautifully

in poem, "All the women of the world belong to one
or the other of two classifications,"

poem is short & sweet,
"Here are mothers,
There are others!"

Let me read better sent to minister in "idwest,
(letter from soon pregnant girl)

~~the \$5.00 bill is a real pain in the neck~~
HERE is opportunity look & gener-
ations of mothers.

How do you like them?
Aren't they wonderful peop to be entrusted raise

this Xpian? In love this hypocritical day
anyone truly loves, others parents doesn't need

special day for it.
perhaps only we can point can look at national

celebration of motherhood - coin some humorous phrase
(Illustration Mother is etc.)

Perhaps we church peop need ponder inare we create as to dress
is day, "take no that what I should wear, and
is more import, is heart.

(Illustration little Martha, bless your heart,

is perhaps confused, but where our heart?
is it involved showing our Christianity?
Or is it in how we look, or what is latest fashion
we can buy?

Love really happens to be the most import ingredient
in family as well as world.

In Hoburg paper cartoon, "love is" some others
(ore are few) peop have written are;

lovely aren't they?

But mostly have ring of truth about them.
We want show love - only way can do is special day
Life came ultimate tragedy when we reduced this
perversion.

Do you love your mother cause today May 12?

Will U love your father June 16 cause Father's Day?

Do u love family cause today Festival Xpian home?

It's absurd isn't it?

Solomon tells us the qualities of a good wife &
mother.

And thru it all is woven the strand of her love
for her husband, children & home.

She loves because she is first loved.

We all love because we have been loved.

God loves us, & why?

Because it is Easter or Christmas, or Thanksgiving
& New Year's?

Of course not.

He loves because He loves us, period.

Just as God loves us, we should love 1 another.
We should love wives, husbands, children, families
not because we told to, not cause special day,
but cause we want to love.

Some of best lessons in life are taught by mothers.
The love of mothers strongest love in world.

Old saying, "behind every good man, good woman,"
true.

One cause good man, only good, usually cause of
mother sanctifies wife.

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I fortunate have both,
and mother who raised me, sacrifices me, family.
and wife,
seen her sacrifice on self for kids, me.

Don't know about you, for me, I no need special
day pay respects mother.

Thank God for mother.

Remember her cause love her, not cause May
12th.

(Illustration two families)

Some children who really love mother, will do
do more than once yr and may many, many families
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX if we love more as Christians family
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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Share the day together, learning to share and love
and other, instead of trying to outdo one another
in trying to feed and honor mother.

In this way we can become complete families instead
of being separated as mother, father and children.
Instead, let us be Christian families, unit to-
gether in the common bond of love for each other,
and ~~in love~~ in love toward God, & in the love that
God gives to us.

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been named in the above mentioned document, and who are known to the undersigned as having been named in the same.

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1. The Government of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Government, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, dated 19th November 1954, in which the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, hereinafter referred to as the United Kingdom, has requested the Government to consider the possibility of the United Kingdom being able to obtain the same treatment as the United Kingdom in the matter of the export of goods from the United Kingdom to the United States of America.

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or buy her presents & flowers

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
sing forth the honor of His name:
make His praise glorious.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER May 19, 1974
REV. RALPH C. LINK, MINISTER
MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
GORDON KENNEDY, MARY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
PRELUDE MUSIC: "PRELUDE IN E FLAT" MOOREHEAD
"ANDANTE CON MOTO" JOHNSTON

SILENT PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 39 "SAFELY THROUGH ANOTHER WEEK"

*ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, WE HAVE
DONE LITTLE TO FORWARD THY KINGDOM IN THIS WORLD, TO
ESTABLISH THE BROTHERHOOD OF MEN, AND LOVE AS THE LAW
OF LIFE. WE HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WHATSOEVER IS DONE
TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THY BRETHREN IS DONE UNTO THEE.
FORGIVE OUR SHORTCOMINGS; FORGIVE OUR PAST NEGLIGENCE.
GIVE US A SIMPLE AND A SINGLE HEARTY INTENT ON PLEASING
THEE. HELP US IN ALL OUR SEEKING TO SEEK FIRST THY
KINGDOM AND THY RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT WE MAY BE BLESSED WITH
THE FULL MEASURE OF THY BLESSING. AND MAKE US TO COME,
AS CAME THY SON JESUS CHRIST, NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO,
BUT TO MINISTER. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE LESSON: EPHESIANS 5: 15-33

HYMN No. 286 "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PAUSE AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "IN A QUIET GARDEN" SERGISSON

ANTHEM: "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" ARR. BY CHRISTIANSEN

SERMON: "MAKING A KING!"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 282 "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS!"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "ALLEGRETTO MAESTOSO" WILSON

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
DONN E. MILLER IN MEMORY OF "MOTHER" DOROTHY KALB
MILLER.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY: *CHARLES FENAR, DARYL TAIT,
GARY FENAR, DON KINGSLEY.

DEACON AND MRS. HARRY FRY WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT
THE MEETING TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. MARGARET COVERT
AND PAULA STEPHENSON.

HOSPITALIZER: MR. HERMAN LIPPOLD, MRS. MARY YOUNG,
AND REV. GRANVILLE COOPER.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY - 233.

MR. WILLIAM BUTTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION
FOR ALL THE CARDS AND PRAYERS AS HE IS CONVALESCING.
OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE WIFE AND FRIENDS OF CARL
MILLER WHO PASSED AWAY LAST SUNDAY.

COMING SOON! - THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL SPONSOR
A GARAGE SALE AT THE REAR OF 303 WALKER AVE. ITEMS
ARE NEEDED FOR THE SALE. ANY LARGE ITEMS WILL BE
PICKED UP BY CALLING THE ROBERT KNAUER'S OR DON
KENNEDY'S. THE SALE WILL BE MAY 31 AND JUNE 1ST.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR RESERVATION IN THE CHURCH
SCHOOL WORKERS RECOGNITION DINNER ON MAY 29 - PLEASE
DO SO.

REMEMBER - BEAT RECYCLING CENTER, SATURDAY MAY 25TH,
NEGLEY AVE. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT LIZ ARMSTRONG
287-2486.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL PUBLISH NAMES OF THOSE GRADUATING
FROM HIGH SCHOOL, BUSINESS SCHOOL AND COLLEGE -
PLEASE - IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO - CONTACT BEA TAIT
IN THE OFFICE OR AT HOME.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CAMPING? HAVE YOU GOTTEN REGISTER
SCHEDULE FROM THE OFFICE. THE CHURCH WILL PAY REGISTR

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Women in day of 1 of little value

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Is place, new standard role women in society

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trol until perhaps kids ask, "Who that strange man?"
May be far fetched but some homes like this almost

(Illustration Joe Joebhels)

Not only in home need good Xpian fathers, but in
Church, workaday world, & wherever influence of
good men should be felt.

Not always what say, but what we do & live speaks
(Illustration Robert McChayne) others.

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We each have opportunities, & time we changed way?
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Especially to our child. gran-childs, neighbor kids

(Illustration Mrs. Richards "Hand You Hold")

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cing some young person in way act, things do & not
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by habits, by things say & kind of language?

Yes, those little eyes upon us, little ears listen
& we should & must be providing proper guidance

(Illustration little boy & too dark out)

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& Js Xp King of King, beckon all men emulate him
in living of life.

We men too often all wrapped up work, provide for
family. are

We forget our homes our castles

& in those castles should reside men/kings, women/
queens, children/princes, princesses.

Peop who all are royal children of God.

But what really make King?

(Illustration "Door Man's Castles")

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his life.

"Making A King!"

Text: Ephesians 5:28-33

"Then so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." This is a great mystery, and I take it to mean Christ and the church; however let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

Last week, those of you who were here, will recall that we talked about wives and mothers, and we said ~~about~~ this week we would be dealing with husbands and fathers. I took a rather critical look at the great American institution known as motherhood, and this morning I would like ~~xxxxxxxjustxxxxxxxritikizai~~ ^{THE} to look just as critically at ^{the} male counterpart of this institution known as fatherhood. Although the image of the male as a father and parent has not become as blown out of proportion as that of the female as a mother, it is still rather disturbing to any male or any father when we contemplate the image created for us.

Paul had some very distinct things to say to the men of Ephesus, which we read as our scripture for this morning. Probably one of the first things you ladies heard in that scripture was that Paul ~~xxx~~ advocated the obedience of wives to their husbands. Although this may rankle some of you, and perhaps cause you to feel that you are being put down, you must understand the age and the time in which it was written. Women in the days of Paul were of little value. They were in most instances only fit to do the work that needed to be done, and to bear children. Other than that, they held no station in life.

But Paul was addressing himself to women who were Christians. Jesus placed a new standard on the role of women in society. He taught against a man divorcing his wife on the whim that she no longer pleased him. He spoke against anyone enslaving anyone else, and thus Jesus advanced the cause for women's liberation. So when Paul is telling the women to be obedient to their husbands he is merely telling them, that they must be careful as to their conduct, because the idea of a woman being of value and

worth, needed to be nurtured and worked at. So he was perhaps really saying, "Wait it ladies, until you are in a better position to assert yourselves."

But what Paul really points out is that men should begin to love their wives as they love their own bodies. Now this puts a different light on the subject, because as he also points out, "No one hates his own flesh, but nourishes it and cherishes it." Isn't this true? If we cut our finger, do we not disinfect it and bandage it? If we tire ourselves out physically or mentally, we rest up so we may be able to perform our functions once again. Thus we can see that we take care of our bodies. By this we also show a love for our own flesh. So if we apply this to our relationship with our wives, we see then that we are to love them, as we love ourselves. But Paul also brings in a portion of the creation story, where we are told a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one. Paul likens this union to the union of Christ with his church. Which would be a perfect union, and we know that there are no perfect unions in humanity. Only Christ and the church are perfect unions, and really what Paul is setting before us is a standard toward which we are to strive.

I am sure that almost all of us have heard at one time or another the saying, "A man's home is his castle." To which we could ask, "Who lives in castles?" Royalty and royal families. right? How many of you ladies have ever felt that your husband was a king? Perhaps we should ask, "how many of you have crowned your husbands,?", but maybe we better not ask that to avoid embarrassment. But if we accept the statement that a man's home is his castle, then we are talking about the making of kings. Each man in his own right then is the ruler of his own little domain. But does it actually work that way? I do not believe that it does anymore. At one time almost all husbands and fathers were indeed the rulers of their households. What Father said, went. Oftentimes this authority was very much abused. But today just the reverse is true. Too often whatever Mom

says, goes. Many men have relinquished their right to use their rightful authority, just so they can sit in front of the TV undisturbed and let Mom do the chores, as well as the raising of the kids.

This is going against all that is normal and natural in the husband wife relationship. This does not mean that a man is to completely dominate the home and make everyone his slave, but it does mean that man should be just that, a man. I may be old fashioned, but I still believe that men have a certain role to play in life, and women have their role, and when women start acting and behaving as men, and men start acting and behaving as women, we have thrown everything out of kilter and we are going to reap the benefits in many ways. TELEPHONE ILLUS. (MALE ORIENTED)

Look at the statistics of divorce and separation, at the statistics of juvenile delinquency, at the statistics of frustrated men, women, and children, and the statistics of mixed up broken homes, and almost all of it can be traced to the breakdown of the American home.

Fathers, husbands, and men in general should be the stabilizing influence upon which our society functions. But alas, too often the male populace is so busy pursuing business or profession, the homefires must be kept burning, and glowing by the little woman, who waits patiently for the return of the breadwinner, and meantime is father, mother, nurse, housekeeper all rolled up into one. And gradually little by little the husband and father relinquishes all control in ~~xxxxfamily~~ family matters until perhaps the kids ask, "Who is that strange man sitting in the living room Mommy?" Now this may be a little far fetched, but some homes are almost like this.

(Illustration of Joseph Goebbels being unloved in U.S.)

It is not only in the home that we need good Christian fathers and husbands, but in the Church, in the workaday world, and wherever the influence of good men should be felt. It is not always what we may say, but perhaps THE we live that speaks to others.

(Illustration of Robert McChesney & his influence upon someone)

Wouldn't it be wonderful to lead someone to the Lord in this manner? We have the opportunities each of us, and it is time we changed and became examples to others. And we must especially be examples to our children, grand-children, and yes, even the neighbor kids.

(Mrs. A. H. Richards wrote about this very thing, "The Hand You Hold")

Did you ever stop to think how you may be molding and influencing some young person by the way you act, by the things you do or do not do, by your habits, or by the things you say and the kind of language you use? This is very sobering when we contemplate this, is it not? Yes, those little eyes are upon us, and those little ears are listening, and we should and must be providing the proper guidance.

(Illustration of little boy's need of father, "Too Dark Out")

It is indeed too dark to send any son or daughter out into the world today without a father. This is what Paul is really pointing out. He is telling all of us that people have need of the Father which is God. That this Father can best be shown through Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh, and Jesus Christ the King of Kings beckons all men to emulate Him in the living of life.

We men ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ are too often so wrapped up in the working and providing for our families, that we forget that our homes are indeed our castles. And in those castles should reside men who are kings, and women who are queens, and children who are princes, and princesses. People who are ^{all} the royal children of God. But what really makes a king? (Illustration of a "Poor Man's Castles")

Men, fathers, husbands, grand-fathers, uncles, nephews, or whatever may be your station in life, now is the accepted time for us to be about the salvation of souls, young and old. And most of all the salvation of ourselves so we can be about "Making A King" in our individual homes, and in the surrounding areas. It is too dark to go out without a Father, and especially without a Father who is a King, through Jesus Christ living in his life.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS MAY 26, 1974

REV. RALPH C. LINK, MINISTER
MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
GORDON KENNEDY, MARY BELLEN - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

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| PRELUDE MUSIC: | "SABBATH REVERIE" | MARTIN |
| | "WHEN GOD LEADS" | CLARKE |

SILENT PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 446 "NOW IN THE DAYS OF YOUTH"

*ABSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

"CONFESSION (IN UNISON) O LORD OUR GOD, GREAT, ETERNAL, WONDERFUL IN GLORY, WHO KEEPEST COVENANT AND PROMISE FOR THOSE THAT LOVE THEE WITH THEIR WHOLE HEART, WHO ART THE LIFE OF ALL, THE HELP OF THOSE THAT FLEE UNTO THEE, THE HOPE OF THOSE WHO CRY UNTO THEE, CLEANSE US FROM OUR SINS, AND FROM EVERY THOUGHT DISPLEASEING TO THY GOODNESS. CLEANSE OUR SOULS AND BODIES, OUR HEARTS AND CONSCIENCES, THAT WITH A PURE HEART AND CLEAR MIND, WITH PERFECT LOVE AND CALM HOPE, WE MAY VENTURE CONFIDENTLY AND FEARLESSLY TO PRAY UNTO THEE. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: 'O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

*Drxology No. 551

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I SAMUEL 2: 12-26

HYMN No. 447 "Purer yet and purer"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*FACTOR: LET US PRAY.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

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| ANTHEM: | "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" | WARD |
| SERMON: | "THE KEEPERS!" | |

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 448 "I WOULD BE TRUE"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "ALLEGRO" SERGISSON

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING-----
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. JAMES STEWART IN MEMORY OF MRS. ELLA
STEWART.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *RAYMOND COVERT, ROBBIE VINROE, ROBERT DELLEN, BRIAN PFABE, STEVE SMITH. DEACON AND MRS. ROBERT KNAUER WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL. NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY LINDA McMILLIN, JANE AND LIZ ARMSTRONG.

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING TON GHT.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE. THOSE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL ARE: DERRY CAMPBELL, WENDY CUSTEAD, CINDY FERREE, JAMES HEATH, NANETTE MARDURGER, TERRY MOHR, SUSAN PALMER, BRENDA PAWK, TRINA RENSEL, SHERRY RENSEL, SHIRLEY RIDGER, GLENDA WEICHEL.

FROM BUTLER CO. COMMUNITY COLLEGE: CHUCK SMITH - SON
OF MRS. GERALDINE MCCANDLESS, VALLE JEAN NICHOLAS,
PAMELA TAIT, RALPH TAYLOR.

COLLEGE: EDWARD HARMON, MASTERS DEGREE, SECONDARY
EDUCATION, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY.
KENNETH W. ROBINSON, FROM CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE,
CALIFORNIA. PA.

FROM LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - REV. RALPH C.
LINK.

THIS COMING FRIDAY 9-9 AND SAT. 9-5 - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL HOLD A GARAGE SALE AT THE REAR OF 303 WALKER AVE. ITEMS ARE NEEDED AND SO IS YOUR SUPPORT. ANY LARGE ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP - CALL R. KNAUER'S OR DON KENNEDY'S.

THE APARTMENT AT 110 WALKER AVE. IS COMPLETED AND READY TO LEASE - IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED CALL ART SNYDER OR CONTACT THE OFFICE. BOB KNAUER WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY. MRS. MARY YOUNG IS NOW AT SUNNVIEW HOME RECOGNITION DINNER - WED. MAY 29TH AT 6:30 P.M.

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"I was told," said [redacted]
[redacted] "that [redacted], [redacted] took up [redacted]
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The above information was obtained from a review of the files of the FBI, New York City Office, dated 10/10/68.

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"I don't," and she smiled at me all over again, and was in
the next breath telling me how much she loved me.

in western Israel, were deeper, several weeping
most common, more over hills, deep.

and said: "I am looking for a man."

1. The first of these is the fact that the

"I don't know whether a lot of people in other parts,"

"The Keepers!"

Text: I Samuel 2:12, & 26,

"Now the sons of Eli were worthless men; they knew not the Lord. And the child Samuel, grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord and also with men."

Our text for this morning is taken from the reading of the 2nd chapter of I Samuel, the 12th verse and the 26th verse. These verses tell two entirely different stories. I prefer the King James Version for this particular reading.

(Read the verses)

Hannah, if you know the story, was unable to have children of ~~Elkanah~~ of Elkanah. Hannah was one of 2 wives ~~Elkanah~~ Elkanah. Peninnah the other wife was able to bear children and she even taunted Hannah because of her sterility. So on the ~~yearly~~ yearly occasion when they went to the Temple in Shiloh Hannah went into the Temple and prayed to God that she would be blessed and have children. She promised God that she would dedicate the Son she was praying for to the service of the Lord. God heard her prayer and granted her a son. She named this Son Samuel, which means, "Name Of God," or, "His Name Is God."

So she took the boy to the Temple in Shiloh at an early age and she left him there under the guidance and direction of the priest Eli. Eli was a good man, but alas his sons were not. They kept the best meat for themselves instead of only taking a portion of the meat and giving the largest part to the worshiper of that which was not burned during the sacrifice. If they did not receive the best part willingly from the worshiper, they took it by force as we read in the scripture. ~~xxxxxxthexxxkexkexkex~~

But then the author tells us about young Samuel, "But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. which is to say that he wore a priestly garment and acted in the capacity as an assistant to the priest Eli.

Samuel's mother Hannah must have been a very good and loving mother, for we are told that each year she made a little coat for him and ^{then} brought

the coat to her son ~~each year~~ when she and ~~her husband~~ ^{her} his father came to the yearly sacrifice. ^{AT SHILAH.}

The scripture tells us that Eli the priest blessed Hannah and Elkanah and pronounced the blessing upon Hannah that she would have more children because of the loan of Samson to the Lord. And she did indeed have three more sons and two daughters. But the latter part of the 21st verse is the most significant of the entire scripture, "And the child Samuel, grew before the Lord."

In ancient Israel the word "Keeper" had several meanings. But one of the more common meanings was that as a guard over cattle or sheep. Abel was a "Keeper" of sheep as we read in the 4th chapter of Genesis. And I'm sure we all know the story of how Cain killed Abel in a fit of anger. We then read of God coming to Cain and inquiring as to the whereabouts of Abel. ~~The~~ Cain said, "I know not: am I my brothers keeper?"

Thus he was saying, "Am I the guard or the shepherd over my brother? Am I to be expected to look after him and care for him?" When we ponder this we realize of course that this saying has been carried down to us until today it is asked very often by people who are questioning their rightful relationship to people who are strangers to them. So we ask, "Am I my brothers keeper?"

If we apply this within our own families we know that we are our brothers keeper and our sisters keeper as well. But while we are concentrating our thoughts upon families we come today to look at one of the main reasons for families and this is children. Sons and daughters. We have looked at Mothers and Fathers, and now it is time we looked at children as part of the family.

~~Now~~ ^{Now} ~~Also~~ ^{Also} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~way~~ ^{way} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~con-~~ ^{con-} ~~centrating~~ ^{centrating} ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~thoughts~~ ^{thoughts} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~families~~ ^{families} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~come~~ ^{come} ~~today~~ ^{today} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~look~~ ^{look} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~main~~ ^{main} ~~reasons~~ ^{reasons} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~families~~ ^{families} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~children.~~ ^{children.} ~~Sons~~ ^{Sons} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~daughters.~~ ^{daughters.} ~~We~~ ^{We} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~looked~~ ^{looked} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~Mothers~~ ^{Mothers} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~Fathers,~~ ^{Fathers,} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~now~~ ^{now} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~time~~ ^{time} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~looked~~ ^{looked} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~children~~ ^{children} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~part~~ ^{part} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~family.~~ ^{family.}

I was reading recently that we are coming back to the old ways of thinking concerning the raising of children. The author of the article pointed out that we had tried a generation or so of Dr. Spock and his

theory of sparing the rod. Most of you will recall of course that Dr. Spock wrote a book putting forth his belief that spanking or punishing a child was all wrong. His theory was that a child should be spoken to and there should never be any physical punishment. Well, his theory has caused some very unhealthy situations in our nation, and from the article I read, he supposedly has withdrawn his theory in favor of certain punishments for children. Unfortunately many people have not seen his public retraction, myself included, if indeed he did make such a retraction. It always bothers me that much sensational distorted news is spread over the front page of many newspapers throughout the nation. But when a retraction is needed because some of this news is incorrect or false, you need a magnifying glass to pick it out of the want-ads, or some other place where it is seldom seen.

~~Let~~ Another eminent psychiatrist has said, "Children need rules and discipline for emotional health as much as they need bread and butter for physical health." Another man has said, "A child's character cannot be shaped by sudden accident."

Now all of this is to say that we who are parents, bear a grave responsibility in the raising of children. To begin with we do not own our children. They are merely loaned to us by God to raise to be productive people. We never own them any more than we own anything in this life. This then means that we are merely "keepers" of children. We are in charge of their feeding, clothing, education, development, and all of the other things necessary to raise them to adulthood. This is a grave responsibility and many times ~~inxxxxxxx~~ the graveness of the responsibility only dawns upon many parents ~~only~~ after the children have arrived upon the scene, and in some cases the awareness ~~is~~ strikes home when the children are fairly well grown. Sadly too, the awareness of parental responsibility sometimes never manifests itself in the lives of some parents and children are left to almost raise themselves. Needless to say this causes them many problems. Many times in my conversations with people who are either

outside the church or who are occasional church attenders, I am told that when the children reach the age whersby they are able to make decisions, they are then free to choose their own religion and their own church. This is a bad situation to say the least.

(Illustration of post Colonial)

~~This is one very good way of solving the problem~~ but the late J. Edgar Hoover ~~also~~ had something to say about this problem.

(Illustration of J. Edgar Hoover)

We as parents cannot afford to let our children choose everything they want to do. If we fed them in this manner, their diet would consist of ice cream and cake. Here then is where ~~the~~ the graveness of the situation lies. It does not mean we are to be complete dictators, but it does mean that we are to be shapers and molders of that character ~~that~~ which God has entrusted to our care.

This supervision applies not only in the religious training of children but in the secular aspects of life as well. We are living in a much more permissive society than the one in which many of us were raised. Our children today are faced with many more obstacles and temptations than ^{us} many of ^{us} had to face. This is due to the fact that our age is much more enlightened, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and much more open. ~~Everything is much more open and~~ there is much more freedom to make decisions and choices that are both good and bad. So with all of this permissiveness and openness many parents are too busy with their own lives to raise their children properly and the raising of them then becomes the responsibility of society. And with this responsibility comes many problems as well.

(Illustration of disgruntled school teacher, (325 2400 illust.)

Talk with ~~many~~ school teachers, or anyone connecting with our schools and many of them will reiterate what this woman has said. Its sad, but it is true. So it all goes back to the home and what the children are receiving there. If they are instructed how to act and how to behave in

school and in public, then for the most part they will not disappoint their parents.

There are so many other areas of parental responsibility, we could not possibly hope to cover them in one sermon alone.

~~But there is~~ one final point that needs to be made, and this is directed particularly to all children and young people individually. This does not mean that you parents are ^{to} not listen, but for the next few moments I would like to address the young people here this morning.

Perhaps some of what I have said has turned you off. Perhaps much of what I have said you do not particularly agree with. But the biggest hassle all children, young people and parents have today, is in the area of parental authority. Many of us were raised in a home where we were expected to do what our parents said, without any backtalk. But many of us who are parents have decided that we would like our children to have some say so in matters of discipline. But unfortunately, too many young people have taken this as a license to do as they please and to disobey, and when this happens, then Mom and Dad begin to crack the whip and the young people rebel. I believe that all young people should again learn to respect the wisdom of parents which comes with age, and to learn that there are definite reasons for parental decisions. In order to be trusted by parents, you, the young people must ~~xxxxxx~~ prove worthy of this trust. This means that if you are expected to be in by 11:00, that you are in by that time. If you are expected to keep your room tidy, or to look after a few chores around the house, that you take care of these things without parental nagging. And if your parents say that there is something they do not want you to do, then you should be man or lady enough to accept their decision without causing World War III.

Now all of this brings us to the point where we realize that parents are "keepers", and sometimes I am sure they wonder just what they are "keepers" of. Are they apes? Or are they those wonderful gifts from God

known as children?

But also in all of this ~~xxxxxx~~ lies hidden the fact that children are "keepers" as well. They are the "keepers" of living the life that has been entrusted to them, and to ~~xxxx~~ be "keepers" of all that the family has given them in any way.

The ideal child or young person is something all parents would like to raise. This ~~xxxx~~ ideal has been called many things. By the young people who probably have a secret yearning inside of them to be like this ideal boy or girl, they have coined the ~~xx~~ phrase "A square." What is a ~~xxxx~~ square?

(Illustration of A square)

My prayer would be that all parents would be ~~xxxxxxx~~ "the keepers" of squares, and that all children and young people would become "the keepers" of a square in their lives. ~~But all of this is only possible through living each day in the strength that comes from God, through Jesus Christ in our lives. May all of our homes become the place where God is present; and Jesus Christ is evident in our lives, and where we each one become and are, "The Keepers."~~

At the very beginning of our Scripture we heard about the sons of the priest Eli, and at the very end of that Scripture, we heard about a boy named Samuel. "The sons of Eli were worthless men; they knew not the Lord." Here is the real secret of life. To be worth something we must "know the Lord." And the child Samuel, grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord and also with men."

Which will it be for you young people? Which will it be for our children? Do they know the Lord? Do all of us know the Lord? May all of our homes become the place where God is present, and where Jesus Christ is evident in our lives, and where we each one become and are, "The Keepers."

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BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

PENTECOST JUNE 2, 1974

REV. RALPH C. LINK, MINISTER
MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH CONPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
JOEL MARTE, MARCIA MCBRIDE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "MORNING PRELUDE" READ
"ALLEGRETTO" LYNN

SILENT PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 322 "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

*ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNION) "O LORD OUR GOD, GREAT, ETERNAL, WONDERFUL IN GLORY, WHO KEEPEST COVENANT AND PROMISE FOR THOSE THAT LOVE THEE WITH THEIR WHOLE HEART, WHO ART THE LIFE OF ALL, THE HELP OF THOSE THAT FLEE UNTO THEE, THE HOPE OF THOSE WHO CRY UNTO THEE, CLEANSE US FROM OUR SIN, AND FROM EVERY THOUGHT DISPLEASING TO THY GOODNESS. CLEANSE OUR SOULS AND BODIES, OUR HEARTS AND CONSCIENCES, THAT WITH A PURE HEART AND A CLEAR MIND, WITH PERFECT LOVE AND CALM HOPE, WE MAY VENTURE CONFIDENTLY AND FEARLESSLY TO PRAY UNTO THEE. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ACTS 2: 1-21

HYMN No. 188 "HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

PERING

OFFERTORY: "ADAGIO SOSTENUTO"

KUHLAN

ANTHEM: "LEAD KINDLY LIGHT" - WOMEN'S CHORUS - DYKES
SERMON: "FILLED UP!"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 193 "SPIRIT OF GOD"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "RECESSIONAL"

DUNN

*CONGREGATION STANDING

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MRS. ANN WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF "HUSBAND" - WOODY. SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN REDMAN, DAN BASKO, ROBERT KNAUER, CHARLES FENAR. DEACON AND MRS. PAUL RIEMER WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY SHARON STAUFFER, LAUREL STAUFFER AND DEBBIE MCBRIDE.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. HERMAN CUSTEAD 525, MRS. HAMER BEATTY 624, PVT. KEITH TAIT, TRIPPLER ARMY HOSPITAL, APO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 963438.

WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE MR. & MRS. ALTEMUS - FORMER CHERYL (GILLILAND) ON A NEW BABY GIRL - NOW LIVING IN EVANS CITY.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MRS.

W. A. (GLADYS) WINTERS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. AM

MONDAY - 7:30 - WOMEN'S MARY PRUGH CIRCLE MEETING. MR

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 - COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY - NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED - PLEASE HAVE

ALL MATERIAL IN BY WEDNESDAY.

ARC PICNIC * MEMORIAL PARK - MILLER SHELTER - 6:00 -

ON JUNE 14 - DESSERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE FURNISHED.

MONDAY - JUNE 10 - 7:30 P.M. - MRS. ARTHUR HUBER WILL BE HERE FOR A TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE. ALL OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND INTERESTED PEOPLE ARE REQUESTED TO BE HERE.

TODAY IS PENTECOST - A TIME TO REJOICE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO INSPIRED THE FIRST APOSTLES AND WHO EMPOWERS THE CHURCH TODAY TO CARRY ON CHRIST'S WORK. A PAMPHLET "TIME TO REJOICE!" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY ALONG WITH THE BULLETIN FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL. IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST THE GENERAL SYNOD HAS ASKED CONGREGATIONS TO OBSERVE PENTECOST AS A TIME OF SPECIAL FOCUS ON OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

Attn. Mr. (C) - 243

being filled up manifests self diff ways, diff peop/
Look at Apostles, see in their work diff exist in
manifesting H lives

to altogether diff person than Paul
but note just as effective in own way as Paul
Stephen diff Timothy Barnabas.

Look diff Matthew, John

John lived, worked JS, yet Gospels tell diff story
diff things went impart about him.

This good examp H. Sp working; each person unique
diff way.

So when speak H. Sp, many good Christians not completely
sware what being said.

Because too long they thot of H Sp something myster-
ious and elusive.

This only evident minister, missionary lives
but what not really understood believers, is that
when become followers JS H, he become part of lives
then H Sp which really another manifestation of
H, begin work live our hearts.

This motivate us, move us to things right, proper
& good.

All inner voice tells help others, resist evil,
live better way, that H Sp God in
we each here have H Sp working, living us,
all we need make more real, more evident, is
recognize He there.

Just must each follow one what tells do.

Other words, H. Sp. not something cannot compre-

hend it God within, seeking motivate do right

' be more instrument for Him

In case many ways, many peop diff ways

could name many this H.

But would like tell one man much used of God &

how H Sp came to work in his life.

(Illustration William Booth)

Today may be just another day many peop in many
diff churches.

Sadly enuf it day often overlook in haste observe
all secular days crept into church calendar.

This day soon over as each day draws close, but
perhaps need bow before God this AM & pray as man
prayed,

"O God, do it again. Do it again. Will even we
wait your Holy Spirit & let me be completely filled
Up, even as those men of old. O God, do it again!"

"Filled Up!"

Text: Acts 2:4q, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Today is Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost is from the Greek word, pentecoste or pentecostes, meaning fiftieth. The first Pentecost was 50 days after the Passover in 40 30, and it fell on Sunday May 27th. Tradition has it that the events of Pentecost took place in the upper room in Jerusalem. In the 1st chapter they were all together in the upper room. He read in the 2nd chapter "they were all together." And while they are thus assembled there came the sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all of the house where they were sitting. The word for this wind is pnea which means either air or breath. For may recognize it as being a part of the English word pneumatic, or pneumonia, which has to do with a disease of the respiratory organs. If we use the word in the sense that it is breath, then we can see that this rush of a mighty wind was the very "breath of God" that came upon them and into their midst.

And we read, "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. What took place was a phenomenon that has never been fully explained. Barclay passes it off as being some sort of unintelligible gibberish. David Alexander in *Handbook of the Bible* states, "Normally the Apostles difficult Galilean speech would have been hard to follow. Now to their astonishment, everyone in this mixed audience heard his own language being spoken." The Galilean dialect was uniquely identifiable. We can read of this in Luke's account of Peter's denial of Jesus, when a man accused Peter of

being with Jesus by stating, "Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." Peter's speech had given him away. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ But if we really want to know what took place, we need to take the Scripture reference and read it for ourselves. The Scripture states very plainly that all of these ~~people~~ Jews who had been living in different parts of the then known world, and who all spoke different languages, were being spoken to by these Galileans in their own native tongue and not in Aramaic.

Barclay and all of the other interpreters who want to explain away the mighty power of God may do so. But I firmly believe that we need to accept that which we cannot completely understand as the sovereignty and majesty of Almighty God. Jesus said, "With God all things are possible," and this we need to believe and accept.

We need to understand what speaking in tongues really means because it has been misunderstood and is questioned very seriously today. When the Disciples were given this gift on Pentecost it was so that they could speak to others in the language that they understood. The speaking in tongues movement is still prevalent today in what we know as the Pentecostal churches. But much of this is not legitimate, because the people who supposedly are speaking in tongues are merely speaking a gibberish that someone supposedly interprets. Most people question the validity of this and with good reason. If we ask the question why we do not have speaking in tongues today, we need to also ask why we would need it? Would it prove anything this morning if I were to begin speaking to you in Latin or Greek? Of course not, and this is the answer. God does not want us to talk to you in anything except English, because this is what we speak and what we understand. There have been cases ^{OR RECORDS KEPT} that ~~I have read about~~ where a person in a group of worshippers will suddenly ^{OR THEY STATE THERE ARE 400,000} begin to speak in French or Latin, and when it was checked into the person who spoke had never taken the language in school; and upon further checking it was learned that there were people ^{REMARKING THERE} ~~there~~ who could not speak English and thus the French or Latin was beneficial to them and they were able to hear

the Gospel in their native tongue.

The real purpose of this speaking in tongues was to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not to show off how wonderful they were. What made it all possible was the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, and they were people who were literally filled with the Spirit. In fact they were so filled, they were accused of being drunk. So which later gave them the answer that it was only 3:00 AM and impossible for them to be drunk. He went on to explain that this was the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus Christ.

Stanley Jones once pointed out, "Christmas is the Festival of God with us; Pentecost is God in us." To which he adds the question, "Is God more with us than in us?" which is a very good question, for if God is more in us ~~than with us~~ then we can be literally filled up. Filled with the Spirit. But we must remember that we cannot fill ourselves, this can only be done by God. So then we must put ourselves in the way of being filled.

But when we talk of being filled up with the Spirit, we must realize that this is not just one set thing that happens to everyone. Being filled is what the Spirit manifests itself in different ways in different people. Look at the Apostles and see in them the vast differences that existed in their ministries and lives. Peter was an altogether different person than Paul. But Peter was just as effective in his own way as Paul. Stephen was different from Timothy or Barnabas. Look at the vast differences between Matthew, ~~Mark~~, and ~~John~~ John. Each of them lived and worked with Jesus and yet their Gospels tell an altogether different story of Jesus and the things they wanted to focus about Him. This is a good example of how the Holy Spirit works in each person in a unique and different way.

So when we speak of the Holy Spirit, many good Christians are not completely aware of what is being said, because for too long they have thought of the Holy Spirit as something mysterious and elusive that is only evident ~~in the lives of great men~~

in the lives of preachers and missionaries. But ~~that is not really under-~~
~~standing~~

And by believers, is that when we become followers of Jesus Christ, He
then becomes a part of our lives, and the Holy Spirit which is really, and
only another manifestation of God, ~~then~~ begins to live within our hearts
and motivates us and moves us to do those things that are right and proper
and good. That small inner voice that tells you to help others, to be
resist evil, to live in a better way, that is the Holy Spirit of God in
you. As each of us here this morning have the Holy Spirit working and living
in us, and all we need to do to make Him more real and more evident in our
lives is to recognize He is there, and seek to follow some of what He tells
us to do. In other words the Holy Spirit is not something we cannot com-
prehend, but it is God within us seeking to motivate us to do right and to
be more of an instrument for Him.

The Holy Spirit has come to many people in many different ways. We
could name numerous people this morning, but I would merely like to tell
you of a man who ^{has} used of God, and how he came to have the Holy Spirit
work in his life.

(Illustration of William Booth)

Today may be just another day to many people in many different churches.
Sadly enough it is a day that we often overlook in our haste to observe all
of the other regular days that have crept into our church calendars.
Pentecost will soon be over just as ~~the~~ each day draws to a close. But
perhaps we need to bow before God this morning and pray as that man prayed,
"O God, do it again. Do it again. Fill over me with your Holy Spirit and
let me be completely filled up even as those men of old. O God, do it
again."

... church; ... in the love of God, with the love of our Lord.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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TRINITY SUNDAY JUNE 9, 1974

REV. RALPH C. LINK, MINISTER
MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
JODIE MARTE, MARCIA MCBRIDE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "PRELUDE IN E" SERGISSON
"THE HOUR OF WORSHIP" COFFMAN

SILENT PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 185 "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

*ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "GRACIOUS GOD, FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PROMISED TO RECEIVE US WHEN WE COME TO YOU. WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED. WE HAVE DISOBEYED YOUR LAW. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU OR OUR NEIGHBORS AS WE SHOULD. FORGIVE US, O GOD, AND GRANT THAT WE MAY LIVE AND SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ESTHER 4

HYMN No. 191 "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "OFFERTORY" WELLS

BAPTISM: ERIC CHRISTOPHER HOLLEFREUND - SON OF
MR. & MRS. THOMAS HOLLEFREUND

PIANO DUET: "SALUT D'AMOUR"

ELGAR

KITTY FEDER AND MARILYN STEPHENSON

SERMON: "WHO KNOWS?"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SINGS

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 280 "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "ALLEGRO" BROADHEAD

*CONGREGATION STANDING

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY CLARA AND FLORENCE SHAKELY IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES". SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW, MONT MACKINNEY, JAMES MALONEY AND STEVE VARGO.

ELDER ROBERT TAIT WILL BE AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY BARBARA VARGO AND KAREN KENNEDY.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE CREDIT FOR CHURCH SCHOOL AND A PERFECT ATTENDANCE PIN - BE SURE TO SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX UNDER CORRECT DATE.

TODAY - WE NEED A COUPLE OF MEN TO HELP SET UP FOUR TABLES IN THE UNDERCROFT FOR THE TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE ON MONDAY NIGHT.

MONDAY - 7:30 - GOSPEL OF LIGHT TEACHER'S COURSE - MRS. ARTHUR HOUSER WILL BE HERE FOR A TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE. ALL OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND INTERESTED PEOPLE ARE REQUESTED TO BE HERE.

FRIDAY - 6:00 - ARC PICNIC IN THE PARK - MEMORIAL PARK - MILLER SHELTER - DESSERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE FURNISHED - DAN BOSKO'S IN CHARGE. ARTEC

HOSPITALIZED - MRS. HERMAN CUSTEAD AND MRS. HOMER BEATTY.

TODAY - WE HAVE NEW LIVING FERNS ON THE ALTAR - WHICH WERE PLACED BY DONN E. MILLER AS A LIVING MEMORIAL TO HIS "MOTHER" MRS. DOROTHY KAUS MILLER. DONN HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR CHURCH, AND NOW HE NEEDS OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, AND HOPE HE WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK SOON FROM A SERIOUS BACK INJURY. HIS ADDRESS IS: 6282 BARIANOS AVE., CYPRESS, CALIF. 90630.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR FOR THE ARC CLASS ARE AVAILABLE. YOU MAY PICK THEM UP IN THE OFFICE OR FROM AN OFFICER OF THE CLASS. DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE BRUCE McBRIDE'S 283-8980 NOW FOR RESERVATIONS - FAMILY CAMPING - AUG. 9, 10, 11 - OPEN TO CHURCH.

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1. The first group of people who are interested in the results of the study are the researchers themselves. They want to know how well the study was conducted and whether the results are reliable and valid. They also want to know how the study was funded and whether there were any conflicts of interest.

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These results suggest that the use of a single, standardized, and validated instrument to assess the impact of a program may be a more effective way to measure the impact of a program than the use of multiple, non-standardized, and non-validated instruments.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the United States who are 65 years of age or older is projected to increase from 20 million to 30 million, and the number of people 75 years of age or older is projected to increase from 10 million to 15 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1997). The number of people 85 years of age or older is projected to increase from 2 million to 4 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1997). The number of people 90 years of age or older is projected to increase from 500,000 to 1 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1997). The number of people 95 years of age or older is projected to increase from 100,000 to 200,000 (U.S. Census Bureau, 1997). The number of people 100 years of age or older is projected to increase from 10,000 to 20,000 (U.S. Census Bureau, 1997).

Ans: "Then Herodias told him to return answer to father, "This is not that in the King's palace you will escape any one other than all the other Jews. For if you see silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise from the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the King-
dom for such a time as this?"

It is understood that in preparing this manuscript for this morning, we used to go over some of the background of the first 3 chapters. The ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ father was an orphan who ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ had been raised by a Jewish priest named Joseph. Father and Joseph were Jews. The king of Persia King Darius was King Xerxes I which was his Greek name, had thrown several banquets and during one of the banquets he had sent his servants to have the queen make a public appearance before the people. Queen Esther was a very beautiful woman and the king wanted to show her off in all her glory. But the queen refused to come forward for her subjects and the king was very angry.

At this point he called upon his advisers to inquire as to what he should do. They advised him to write up a secret stippling that "your" verdict was justified from her position and that another queen would be chosen in her stead. So all of the beautiful young ladies in the kingdom were brought to the king in line which he was to choose a new queen.

When these young ladies were father. Father found favor in the sight of the king and she was selected to be the new queen. The king did not see her ugliness and Nerleesi had instructed her not to reveal it.

In the court of the king there xxx were two conspirators who plotted to slay the king. Nerleesi who was at the palace and not at the king's gate, gave father this message which she relayed to the king and the king had them arrested. Thus Nerleesi had saved the life of the king.

King Masmorus appointed a man named Nanan as his Prime Minister. Now Nanan had the control over and above all of the prisoners of the court of the king. All of the prisoners and all of the servants of the king were commanded by the king to bow to Nanan. But he said that Nerleesi did not bow to Nanan. The king's servants who were at the gate where Nerleesi sat, came to his court this and questioned why he did not bow to Nanan. Nerleesi merely answered that he was a Jew.

So these servants went to Nanan and told him of this and Nanan became furious. Now Nanan in his mind, was not content to merely have Nerleesi slain, and thus he devised a scheme whereby all of the Jews would be killed. He plotted to have the xxx active Jewish nation in Israel killed. Now according to a popular conception of that time, and this is of Babylonian origin, there was a certain time and place to do everything. The Jews of Mesopotamia knew this very well. So Nanan had late sent a messenger when this destruction of the Jews was to take place.

The calendar at that time ran from spring until the next spring. This was because the ritual of Samover took precedence over everything else. The year thus began in the middle of March which was called the month of Nisan. So in the month of Nisan or Nizakhata the middle of March to the middle of April, Jews were sent for the destruction of the Jews. The day for this destruction fell to the 13th day of the 12th month which was called Adar, and was from mid February to mid March.

Then Nanan went to the king with the news that a certain race of people

which he did not have, had its own laws and did not observe the royal diets, and he promised the king he would pay 10,000 talents of silver or about 40 million dollars into the treasury if the king would give the order to have these people killed. The king naturally not wanting to have enemies within his kingdom agrees to their destruction, but he tells Ahasuerus he can keep the money he would have donated to the treasury as a reward for getting rid of these people. To show his good faith he gives him his signet ring as a pledge of his faith in Ahasuerus.

Thus we arrive at the point where our scripture began this morning where Mordecai is sitting at the stage gate in sackcloth and ashes. Esther learns of this and sends a servant to Mordecai with clothing, and he inquires why he is doing this. Mordecai tells the servant to tell Esther the story, of what is to take place, and since she is the queen to tell the king of this gross injustice. Esther sends the servant back to Mordecai to tell him that even she is not permitted to appear before the king unless he calls for her.

Mordecai tells them the answer they are to give to Esther. He says, "What is not in the king's palace you will receive any day than all the other Jews. For if you hear silence at ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ such a time as this, Belshazzar and Caligula will give for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's house will perish. And you know whether you have hit home to the king. For such a time as this."

And it is from this hearing of Mordecai that Esther used her time well in this instance and she sends word back to him that she will go before the king whether he says farewell and she says, "If I perish, I perish."

People have questioned whether this is a true story, and whether it deals with anything probable. Most of the questioning has been because throughout the 12 brief chapters of the book, not once is the name of God used. But if you read the book with the express purpose of trying to see what inspired message God is trying to impart, then I believe you will see the purpose of the book. Even throughout all of this story is the knowledge that God was laying a hand in the lives of each of the characters involved.

If you ask if I believe it really happened, the answer is yes I do.

Archaeological findings have confirmed not only the story of people mentioned in the story, but many other things that show it is actual history.

In one commentary I read the question, "Did Israel did not how low to mean, to which it did not give an answer. But if we know Jewish history well enough we know that a Jew did not how low to anyone except his. This was in obedience to the ^{first} commandments.

If we look at each part of this story we can see the working of God. First the queen was put away because of her refusal to do the King's thing. Then they came together and what is the? Of all things she is a Jewess, one of God's chosen people. Then who is it who saved the life of the King? Another Jew. Then we can see that God is working in the affairs of men even though we cannot always see it.

Recently we have been hearing an awful lot about Satan and demons.

All this story is a good example of the working of God in the lives of people. Satan had turned his way into the heart of man, and man was determined to destroy the people of Israel. Now why would Satan want to do this? Well, for the simple reason that from Egypt was to come the Messiah, the deliverer of God's people. Thus if Satan could thwart this plan, if he could stop it in the bud, then God could not overcome Satan. But we see in each instance that God is in control and that he had placed Esther and Mordecai at this point in time to be his women and men of the hour. The question that Mordecai poses to Esther is one that should make all of us ponder our relationship to God, when he asks, "And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Look at the history of the Israelites right down to our present day. Starting with Noah as the first one to be the man of the hour in delivering his people. Then Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Saul, David, Solomon and on and on. Time after time, people have been inspired by God to destroy God's people, but time after time they have been thwarted. In our own day it

IF ONLY GOD HAD WANTED - IT WOULD BE DONE
UP THE
HORN

When we put it in this light, we realize that we each have a set time and a set purpose for being in existence. You are not an accident upon Bill's landscape. You are here because God wants you to be here. Therefore we need to deter the fact that it is that God has in store for us. The answer is that we know to the question "Who knows?", if that God knows. So then we need to ask "For what purpose are we here?" The answer of course is for us to look to God in determining this. We must come to God in prayer and meditation, and let His word to us individually, as to why we are here.

we are not to be just members of a church, but we are to be workers and builders of His Kingdom, and this we can only determine about we do by reading His answer. Jesus said, "He have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." By this we know that we are placed at this moment, at this time, in this locale by the will of Almighty God. "Who knows?" God knows, and it is only by abiding in Him this life through Jesus Christ as our Lord and Father that we can have the answers to the Who's, and What's and Where's of life. And His Father answers in your life and then you too will know.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 16, 1974
FATHER'S DAY

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SAM FRY, ELLEN MASTER - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "PRELUDE IN E" BACH
"ALLEGRETTO" LYNES

SILENT PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 314 "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

*ACRISPION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE POWER
TO DISCERN GOOD FROM EVIL, HEAR US AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS.
WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE FAILED THEE AND OURSELVES. REGARDLESS
OF HOW GOOD WE HAVE BEEN, WE REALIZE THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN
THE KIND OF PERSON THAT YOU WANT US TO BE. SOMETIMES OUR
RELIEF IN OUR OWN GOODNESS HAS PREVENTED US FROM SEEING
OUR SINFULNESS. WE HAVE FELT THAT ACKNOWLEDGING YOU HAS
MADE US BETTER THAN OTHERS. OPEN OUR EYES, O LORD, TO
OUR HIDDEN SINS, AS WE MAKE A SINCERE AND HUMBLE CONFESSION
IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "ADAGIO SOSTENUTO" SCOTTY
SOLD: CYNTHIE SYBERT

SERMON: "GOD'S NO-DOZE!"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 292 "ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "RECESSIONAL" D'AUREL

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY

MR. & MRS. DAVE CURTIS IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY, DARYL

TAIT, JOHN BREMER, GARY FENAR.

DEACON AND MRS. MIKE NAZARUK WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. MARGARET COVERT
AND FAULA STEPHENSON.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. HERMAN CUSTEAD, MRS. MARTHA

DEWEESKI, ROMH, MRS. JUAN VOGEL - PRES. HOSP. PITTS.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY BE SURE AND SIGN

THE GUEST REGISTER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

DON'T FORGET TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. & MRS. BRUCE

MCPHIDE 283-8980 FOR RESERVATIONS IF YOU PLAN TO

GO CAMPING AUG. 9, 10, 11 - THIS FAMILY CAMPING DATE

IS OPEN TO THE ENTIRE CHURCH.

ARC - PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

PLEASE PICK YOUR COPY UP.

THE RESPONSE TO THE TAPES HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS - MANY

HAVE BEEN PLACED AS MEMORIALS, OTHERS BOUGHT TO BE

PLACED IN HOMES OF SHUT-INS. MEMORIALS WILL BE

PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS AND/OR

CONFIRMATION CAMP?

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 185.

CONGRATULATIONS! TO TERRY MCGARRAH - HE IS NOW

OFFICIALLY SIGNED WITH THE PIRATES - GOOD LUCK.

THEOS PROGRAM COMING TO BUTLER. THERE IS A DEFINITE

NEED FOR A SPIRITUALLY ENRICHED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

FOR THE WIDOWED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CHURCH.

LOOKING TOWARD THIS GOAL, AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL GROUP

CALLED THEOS IS BEING ORGANIZED IN BUTLER. IT WILL

BE SPONSORED BY ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH THE

CO-OPERATION OF MANY CHURCHES. FIRST MEETING JUNE 20,

AT 8:00 P.M. ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BASEMENT.

FOR MORE INFO FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Very peop he deliberate set destroy, very easily 2/
end up destroy him.

U may read remain portion book find out happen to
H. an.

Only 10 chaps & fascinating reading

Here we confront unique set events

wh start out simple plan exterminate pest to 1
involv & ward off others of group become loathsome,
now thickened into plot of mystery intrigue

When we analyse events this story we C plainly hand
of Al. God in backgr, using simple means accomplish
overthrow Satan & evil against His peop.

At beg. chap we C something spectacular we prone
overlook completely.

1st vs reads, "On that night the king could not sleep
King could not sleep.

How simple, yet how profound

Most instances, most peops minds not say much
When look sleeplessness of king doesn't have much
effect on us.

Here an indiv wealth, power, position, prestige,
& he afflicted common malady effect many his peop.

We tempted say, "So what?"

Is it coincidence?

Is merely monarch with insomnia?

I think not. I see in this examp how God will step
into life of person & cause His plan be set in motion

I sure all seen commercial TV advertise pills when
drive no get sleepy, No-Doze.

Here an examp God's No-Doze.

It not pill or tablet,

It merely God step in & disturb person sleep

When we contemplate that God does not need always do
large things, spectacular things accomplish purpose,
we cannot help be overawed His power & majesty.

Dr. Murray write poem about this,

(Illustration power of God)

There may be emps & rulers, may always be kings

such as king in Persia time of Est.

But rulers & kings come & go, but always there

will be x God.

& God will always step in to work His purpose
out.

G has disturbed sleep of peop too numerous mention
in each instance there was set meaning, purpose that
was shown thru lives of peop involved.
(Illustration of woman letting go)

"God's No-Doze!"

Esther 6:1,

"On that night the king could not sleep; and he gave
orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the
chronicles, and they were read before the king."

(Illustration of church members trying to reform man
This good examp Rob. Burns quote, "The best laid
plans of mice and men often go awry."

Scrip read morn, nother examp of this

Last Sun we look plot Haman destroy all Jews,
& today we look what transpire after Haman set plan
in motion

We read king unable sleep, decide read, make sleepy
book he chose read, book events happening kingdom,
like read reminisce scrapbook.

From book servant read incident slip king mind

This involve Mord. get info to king about plot

Kill king, king kill 2 perpetrators

The king ask servants if Mord reward for this,

They tell no

Now Haman came court early that morn

King ask who there, told Haman

King call in Haman, Prime Minister to conference

Haman stand before king, king ask,

"What shall be done to the man whom the king de-
lights to honor?"

Haman impressed with self-importance, naturally im-
pressed with self, thinks king means him.

He say self, "Whom would the king delight to honor
more than me?"

As he give king instructions what he think should be
done, think all along honors belong to him.

Can U imagine shock Haman felt, & sense disappoint
when he discover man Mord?

Imagine that? Mord the Jew, only pers in king
court who no bow to him.

This ~~affront~~ nerve to ignore Prime Min. Haman

This lesson remind us story Js tell follow about
banquet & take low seat, perhaps be honored

This exact position Haman find self this time.

Poor Haman can only swallow pride see Mord honored

When read end chap Haman go home mourn fact he no

onger #1 man in kingdom, he not exclusive VIP

Wife & advisers instead sympathize, rub salt in
wounds, predict perhaps little world tumble around
ears.

Here common examp of this.

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I say common because all it takes is that person
let God work his/her life

(mean try see just what God try say/do thru us.

(Illustration newsboy San Fran)

God too powerful 4 any 1 to beat or best

We need not only know His sovereignty/majesty/
supremacy over all, but need seek ~~xxxxxx~~ Him
in our lives.

We need let God give each us His No-Doze.

By this I mean we need make selves available Him
to make use of us,

whether middle night, or middle day.

If we should find selves some nite rub ~~xxx~~

elbows ancient king Persia, in that we cannot

sleep, perhaps God try tell us something or want
us do something.

We need attune lives to God & let Him show us in
whatever way He wishes what He wants us do.

Seek God all things, but to remain alert & awake,
take God's No-Doze.

"God's No-Doze!"

Text: Esther 6:1, "On that night the king could not sleep; and he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king."

(Illustration of John Smith & church members trying to scare him into reform)
Now this is a good example of what the poet Robert Burns once said when he penned the immortal words, "The best laid plan of mice and men often go awry." The scripture we read this morning ~~xxx~~ is another example of the same thing. Last Sunday we looked at the plot of Haman to destroy all of the Jews, and we are looking today at what transpired shortly after Haman had set his plan into motion.

We read where the king, unable to sleep, decided to do some reading to perhaps make himself sleepy. The book he chose to have read to him was the book of events of what had been happening in his kingdom. It was sort of like reading and reminiscing with an old scrapbook. From this book is read an incident that had slipped his mind. This involved Mordecai getting the information to him that there was a plot underfoot to kill him, and thus he was able to have the two perpetrators of that plot arrested and hung. The king in reminiscing over this inquires of his servants if Mordecai had been properly rewarded for this. The servants who were aware of all that went on in the palace inform the king that nothing had been done to reward Mordecai.

Now it so happened that Haman had come to ~~the~~ court early that morning, and the king inquired of his servants who was in the court so that he could check into this matter and properly reward Mordecai. The servants answer that it is the Prime Minister Haman, and the king ~~sends for him~~ summons him to a conference. Haman stands before the king and the king asks, "What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?" Haman who is already impressed with his self-importance, naturally thinks the king is referring to him. And he remarks to himself, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?" Thus he gives the king instructions as to what should be done, thinking all along that these honors are going to be heaped upon him.

But can you imagine the shock that Haman must have felt, and the sense of utter disappointment, when the king informs him that these honors are to be bestowed upon Mordecai? Imagine that? Mordecai the Jew, the only person in the king's court who does not and will not bow to him, Haman the Prime Minister of the kingdom?

This lesson would remind us of the time when Jesus was speaking to his followers and he told them that when they went to a banquet, they should not sit at the head of the table, but they should instead take a place of low rank. Then if they perchance are to be an honored guest, the host will send for them and have them seated in a place of prominence. This would save them embarrassment from sitting in a place of distinction and then perhaps being asked to move to a lower rank. And this is the exact position in which Haman found himself at this time.

So poor Haman could do nothing else but swallow his pride and make the necessary arrangements to have Mordecai honored in the very manner that he had prescribed to take place. We then read at the end of this chapter of Haman returning to his home, mourning the fact that he was no longer the number 1 man of the king, and that he was not the exclusive VIP in the sight of all the other king's servants. His wife and advisers instead of sympathizing with him and soothing his injured pride, rub salt into his wounds by predicting that this episode could very well be the beginning of the end for Haman. They advise him that perhaps ~~his~~ his little world was about to come crumbling down around his ears. That the very people he deliberately set out to destroy and wipe from the face of the earth, could very easily end up destroying him. You may read for yourselves the remaining portion of this story and see what does happen to Haman. This book is made up of 10 short chapters and it is rather fascinating reading.

But here we are confronted with a rather unique set of events. What started out to be a very simple plan to exterminate a pest to one individual and to ward off others from this group becoming as loathsome, has now thickened into a plot of mystery and intrigue. But when we analyse the events of

this story we can see very plainly the hand of Almighty God in the background, using very simple means to accomplish the overthrow of Satan and evil against His people.

At the very beginning of this chapter we see something so simple and unspectacular that we are prone to overlook it completely. The first verse reads, "On that night the king could not sleep." The king could not sleep. How simple and yet how profound. In most instances and in the minds of most people this does not say much. When we look at the sleeplessness of a king it doesn't have too much effect on us. Here is an individual with wealth and power, with position and with prestige, and he is afflicted with a common malady that probably effected many of his people. And with this we are tempted to say, "So what? Is it coincidence? Is it merely an example of a monarch with insomnia?"

I think not. I see in this an example of how God will step into the life of a person and cause his plan to be set in motion. I am sure we have all seen the commercial on television that advertises the pills that a person can take when driving to stay awake, called No-Doze. Well, here is an example of God's No-Doze. It isn't a pill or a tablet, it is merely God stepping in and disturbing a person's sleep. When we contemplate that God does not need to always do large and spectacular things to accomplish His purpose, we cannot help but be overawed at His power and majesty. A Dr. Murray wrote a poem about this and he wrote,

(Illustration of The Power of God)

There may be emperors and rulers, there may always be kings such as the king of Persia in the time of Esther. But rulers and kings come and go, but there always will be God. And God will always step in to work His purpose out. God has disturbed the sleep of people too numerous to mention. In each instance there was a set meaning and a set purpose that was shown through the lives of the people involved.

(Illustration of woman letting go)

Here is a common example of this. I say common, because all that it takes is that a person let God work in his or her life. It means trying to see just what God is trying to say or do through us.

(Illustration of newsboy in San Francisco)

God is too powerful for any one to ever beat. We need not only acknowledge His sovereignty, His majesty, and His supremacy over all, but we need to seek Him in our lives. We need to let God give each of us His No-Doze. By this I mean we need to make ourselves available to Him to make use of us whether it be the middle of the day or the middle of the night. If we should find ourselves some night rubbing elbows with the ancient king of Persia, in that we cannot sleep, perhaps God may be trying to tell us something or want us to do something. We need to attune our lives to God and let Him show us in whatever way He wishes what He wants us to do.

Seek God in all things, but to remain alert and awake take God's No-Doze.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 30, 1974
 REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. VELMA COLLINS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 PAM FRY, ELLEN MASTER - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 7:30 P.M.
 PRELUDE: "PRELUDE IN A MAJOR" FERRY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #443 "O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING No. 72 PAGE 619

HYMN No. 439 "GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

(ANNOUNCEMENTS)

OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "PASTORALE" BRUCH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: JOHN LAVERNE PENROD - SON OF
 MR. & MRS. HARRY PENROD
 SOLO: "I'LL WALK WITH GOD" BY BRODSZKY - SANCY COTTAGE
 PIANO ACCOMPANIST: DEB MELTON

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 20: 1-21

SERMON: "ONE NATION UNDER WHICH GOD?"

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR OUR NATION AND OUR PEOPLE

*HYMN No. 63 "OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE: "ALLEGRO"

MALLARD

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. CHARLES FENAR IN MEMORY OF FAM PFLOUGH.
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALVIN TAIT, JAMES
 MCGLYMONDS, MIKE NAZARUK AND GEORGE PFLOUGH.
 DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES FENAR WILL BE OFFICIAL GREETERS
 AT THE DOOR TODAY REPRESENTING COUNCIL.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. JOHN REDMAN
 AND PAULA STEPHENSON.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. VIRGINIA BEATTY, MR. W. A. WINTERS,
 MR. WILMER PEARL.

AUGUST 25 IS OPEN FOR MEMORIAL FLOWERS AS WELL AS FOUR
 SUNDAYS IN SEPT. - 1, 15, 22, 29 AND SOME OTHER DATES
 THROUGH OUT THE PERIOD OF JULY THRU DEC. - IF YOU
 WANT A SPECIAL SUNDAY - LET US KNOW NOW.

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL
 MEETING IN JULY - NOTICE WAS IN THE NEWSLETTER OF
 JUNE - NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN AUGUST.

ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED - REV. AND MRS. LEE
 NEUHAUS AND THEIR SONS KURT AND JON WILL BE VISITING
 IN BUTLER LATE IN JULY AT OUR HOME. WE ARE PLANNING
 AN OPEN HOUSE ON JULY 31 FROM 7-9 P.M. SO THAT ANY OF
 YOU WHO WANT TO SAY "HELLO" CAN DO SO. LEE AND KATHY
 ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS CHANCE TO SEE MANY OF
 THEIR FRIENDS HERE. -- GENE AND MARILYN STEPHENSON,
 NEXT SUNDAY - HOLY COMMUNION - NEW MEMBERS WILL BE

TAKEN INTO THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME.
 REMEMBER - CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC - ALAMEDA PARK -

SHELTER CLOSEST SWIMMING POOL - WED. JULY 24 AT 6:00
 P. M. - SPONSORED BY THE LAY LIFE AND WORK COMMITTEE.

BAPTISM THIS AFTERNOON - 2:00 P.M. - 8 YR. OLD SON - RYAN
 OF MR. & MRS. JOHN STEVENSON AND THEIR DAUGHTER - SCOTT

KELLY JO ANN STEVENSON, MICHELLE RENE WILLIAMS -
 DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS.

CONFIRMATION CLASS CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE IN TODAY
 \$20.00 WILL BE PAID BY THE CHURCH AND \$15.00 IS TO
 ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FROM THE PARENTS. IF YOU
 BY ANY CHANCE FORGOT TO BRING THIS WITH YOU TODAY -
 PLEASE LEAVE US KNOW IN THE OFFICE.

Worship Committee June 1974

From all this can draw strange parallels USA
Jewish Russian men women driven here by various
cruel taskmasters, Holland, England, Germany
I often asked class, "Why pilgrims come America?"
A. He answered, "to worship God in their own way,
and like other people do the same."

He partially right,
it was to worship God as they pleased, in freedom
this country founded on this freedom
1 of main principles of founding

Look at hist. of nation see few Moses among us
Men like, Wash, Jeff, Franklin, Lincoln some few
Men like these led out of wilderness relig oppress
inequality was, inequality races so on
Men who looked God as savior or creator all mankind
Men who strove diligent incorporate into constit
safeguard all peop, to protect against others
making as slaves.

Have seen country rise world power less 200 yrs
since set standards unsurpassed in production
of everything from more corn per acre, to cancer
nations reached out all direct facts of daring
exploration

Nation came moon back, nation blessed more wealth
than any other nation in history of world

But alas, like ancient Is, we made golden calves in
past few generations

have slowly, surely turned backs upon creator
we have said, "these are thy gods O America,
which brought thee up out of the land of the un-
known we have bowed to them and worshiped them

If look around can see them
has become such ingrained thing in nation, it has
reached grass roots level, ~~no one~~ ~~no one~~
no one of us can point finger & say, "thou art
the god," as Nathan once pointed and said

we all have own little gods in our lives,
perhaps some more than others, but all have them

these gods wealth, power,
gold banks, building loans, houses buildings, apts
gold stocks, bonds, investments, land develop
gold iron, steel, concrete buying, selling

do power equip, tractors, cars, motor bikes, gold
gold tents, campers, trailers, swimming pools ~~gold~~
gold, sex, liquor, tobacco, other pleasures, wives
NOT GOD IN SELF, BUT WE GIVE PLEASURES.

"The Nation Under Which I Lived"

Exodus 32:1-6, "These are thy gods O Israel,
which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."
Exodus 32:3, "Thou shalt have no other gods before
me."

For scrip read giving 10 C

few short chaps later read disobed of Isrites
chap 32 & read of peop impatience,
also of discontent
as they wait Moses return Mt. Sinai

God miraculously delivered from hands of Egyptians
by crossing Red Sea.

Immediately in new land, only there 3 day,
have difficulty.

unquenched bitter water, cried against Moses
bringing them there

Moses call on God, God shows tree,

he casts bit water, water become sweet.

thus should know God all sufficient for needs
they now encamped foot Mt. Sinai

Moses converse God, not only 10 C

but instructions build ark covenant & 4th C

In their impatience, turned completely against G
and Aaron make golden calf from rings, etc

had no god could see & must see he assured he with
them

After Aaron make idol they say, (EXXX)

& this declar give evidence forgot which God
brought up from E.

If read on this chap see God angry, would destroy,
but Moses intercede & name of God not tarnished
in Egypt elsewhere

Moses return, melt calf, put in water, make drink
Call, "Who on Lord's Side?"

these ordered slay unbeliever, this they did

even after Moses again go up Mt. Sinai with God,
God promise blot out names from his book those
stood against him.

Also promise visit them in wilderness wanderings
in 5th vs read, "And the Lord plagued the peop
because they made the calf which Aaron made."
we see from this, must be punishment for sin

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"One Nation Under Which God?"

Text: Exodus 32:4b, "and they said, These are thy gods O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."
Exodus 20:3, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

For our Scripture we read the story of the giving of the Ten Commandments, but a few short chapters later we learn of the disobedience of the Israelites. In the 32nd chapter of Exodus we read of the impatience ~~impatience~~ of the people, as well as their discontent. They were awaiting the return of Moses from Mt. Sinai.

God had miraculously delivered the people from the hands of their harsh taskmasters, the Egyptians, by the crossing of the Red Sea. After they had been brought into this new land they had immediately encountered difficulty in following God completely. ~~XX~~ They had been in the wilderness only 3 days and they encountered bitter water, and they cried against Moses for leading them there. So Moses called upon God and God showed him a tree which he cast into the waters and they became sweet. Thus they knew that God was sufficient for all their needs. But now they were encamped at the foot of Mt. Sinai and Moses was taking such a long time to come back.

Moses was in conversation with God getting not only the Ten Commandments, but instructions about the building of the Ark of the Covenant. But in their impatience they turned completely against God and had Aaron make them a golden ~~xxx~~ calf which they could worship. They had to have a god they could see and thus be assured the god did not leave them. After Aaron had made this idol they said, "These are thy gods O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." By this declaration they gave evidence of having completely forgotten which god it was who brought them up out ~~thence~~ of the land of Egypt.

Then if we read on in this chapter we see that God becomes angry with His people and He would destroy them. But Moses interceded for them and only by his pleading that the death of all these people would cause God's name to be looked upon as being deceitful and dishonest, prevents

God from exacting a just death upon all of them. After Moses returned to the Israelites camp and melted down the golden calf, and spread it in their drinking water and made them drink it, he then called for those who in the camp who were on the Lord's side. These he ordered to slay the unbelievers among them, and this they did.

But even after this Moses went up again on the Mt, and pleaded with God to forgive their iniquity. God promised to blot out ~~the~~ from His book those who had sinned against Him. But He also promised to visit them in their wilderness wanderings. In the 35th verse of this chapter we read, "And the Lord plagued the people, because they ~~made the~~ made the calf which Aaron made." So from this we can say that when there is sin, there must be punishment.

Now from all of this we can draw some very strange parallels for these United States of America. This country was founded by men and women who were literally driven here by harsh and cruel taskmasters in England Holland and Germany.

A teacher asked the class why the pilgrims came to America, and one little boy answered, "To worship God in their own way, and make other people do the same."

Now he had it partially right, but it was to worship God as they pleased without anyone telling them how and when ~~to~~ to do it. Thus this country was founded upon religious freedom as one of the main ~~thing~~ principles for its founding.

When we look at the history of this nation we see that we had the equivalent of quite a few Moses among us. Men like Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, ~~Lincoln~~ and Lincoln to name a few. Men such as these who led us out of the wilderness of religious oppression, inhumanity to ~~men~~ men, inequality among races and so on. Men who looked to God the author and creator of all mankind. Men who strove diligently to incorporate into the very constitution, safeguards for all of the people, to protect them against others making us slaves. We have seen this country

risect to be a world power in less than 200 years. A nation that has set standards and been unsurpassed in production from everything ~~to~~ such as growing more corn per acre to canopeners. A nation that has reached out in all directions in daring feats of exploration. A nation that has been blessed by more wealth and prosperity than any other nation in the history of the world.

But alas, like that ancient nation of Israel we have made for ourselves golden calves which we have begun to worship in the past few generations and we have slowly but surely turned our backs upon our creator. We have said as they once did, "These are thy gods O America, which brought thee up out of the land of the unknown." And we have bowed down to them and worshiped them.

If we look about us we can see the gods we have made. It has become such an ingrained thing in our nation that it has reached the so called grass roots level, and no one of us can point the finger and say "thou art the man" as Nathan once pointed the finger and said to King David. We all have our own little gods in our lives, perhaps some of us have one a little more than some others, but we all have them. We have made gods of wealth, and power. Gods of building and loans and banks. Stocks and bonds, land investments, land development. We have gods of iron and steel, buildings for rent and sale. We have power equipment gods of tractors, and cars and motor bikes, and motor cycles. We have gods of tents and trailers and campers and swimming pools. We have gods of liquor and tobacco, and sex and other peoples husbands and wives. ~~xxx~~ All of these are the golden calves that America has been bowing down ~~xxx~~ to more and more each year.

We have finally reached the point where a group of people in the name of protecting us from another political party or person, have used all sorts of crooked means to insure that we are protected. Thus we have a stinking mess we call simply Watergate. The party out of ~~power~~ power thus uses this as a wedge to smear whatever vestige of respectability

our present president has, hoping ~~that~~ they may cover their own tracks, and we will forget they had their Lyndon Johnson, and Kennedy scandals. But all of this proves that Mr. Nixon, or Mr. Kennedy, or Mr. Johnson is no better, nor no worse than any of us. We have let all of this happen because we are all only interested in ourselves and our own greed for things.

If any of us disbelieve this we only need ask some questions. Why do we have inflation? Because the dealers and sellers want to make the most they can for their products. Why do we have such high rents and interest and mortgage rates? Because the investors big and little want the most return on their investments. Thus we can question all areas of our society and the answers are all the same, "These are Thy gods O America, ~~that~~ which brought thee up out of the land of the unknown."

But what does God say to all of this and all through this. He is still ~~saying~~ saying today as He did then, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." We once prided ourselves on being, "One nation under God." We took so much pride in this that we even added it to the pledge of allegiance. But we must ask today because of the conditions in our nation, "'One nation under which God?" Is it the God of hatred, or of power, or of wealth, or of greed, of sex, of overindulgence in food and drink and drugs? Is it the god of powerful senators, or presidents whose snap of the finger can have instant response?

We have come to such a point in our nation where we refuse to give God a few hours of our time each week. We have time for everything but God. Let special services be called in our churches and people grumble and moan that the church is out to make money every time you turn around. But did you notice we did not ask for an offering tonight? We did not ask not because we were afraid to have one, but simply because the purpose of this service is not to take up a collection, but instead to collect ourselves together to pray to God for our nation and our people.

The handwriting is on the wall my friends. We need to either change our course in our nation in so many areas, or we are doomed.

God is not going to stand by and see us waste, and pollute, and run rampant over other people without punishing us for it. I just read last week that the United States permitted 100,000 men women and children to die slowly of starvation in Africa, simply because we did not act fast enough to relief their suffering. Our congress sits and deliberates at a snails pace on so many large issues and passes legislation of no consequence in a short time. In Pennsylvania we cannot get a budget through the legislature for months on end, but in a matter of seferal days they passed two bills. One to designate the firefly as the state bug, and the other to fine anyone caught streaking. A tremendous piece of work.

We have become indifferent to the needs of our own people as well as the people of the world. We are like that woman on the commercial of several years ago, suffering from a headache, who becomes upset with her mother and shouts, "I can do it myself, Mother." Well this is what we have done to God. "I can do it myself God, let me alone, I don't need you."

We are to be pitied indeed. We are indeed "One Nation Under God", but "Which God?" Let us, you and I let this service be a start in a continual prayer vigil in our lives, to ask God for His help in our nation, and in our world.









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SCHOOLING:

Graduated from Perry High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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Lay Ministry School, Penn West Conference of United
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Commissioned Lay Minister June 1969

Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.,
September 1970

Graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary May 1974

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PASTORATES:

As Lay Minister: short term, 1 month or less in
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Emlenton Lamartine Charge of United Church of Christ
1967 to 1969

Short term in various churches 1970 until Seminary
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July 1970 to December 1973 Student Pastor at Trinity
Charge, New Bloomfield, Duncannon, Pa., Penn Central
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December 1973 to present, St. Paul's United Church of
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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

Ralph C. Link

I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

Ralph C. Link

I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.